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*"Knowledge of kindred and the genealogies of the ancient families deserveth the highest praise. Herein consisteth a part of the knowledge of a man's own self. It is a great spur to look back on the worth of our line."*—LORD BACON.

*"There is no heroic poem in the world but is at the bottom the life of a man."*—SIR WALTER SCOTT.

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# LYCOMING COUNTY.

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## ONE BRANCH OF THE PEASLEE FAMILY.

### CLARENCE LOOMIS PEASLEE—GENEALOGICAL LINE.

- I. Joseph Peaslee, (1612?-1660.)
- II. Dr. Joseph Peaslee, (1646-1734).
- III. John Peaslee, (1679-1752).
- IV. Ebenezer Peaslee, (1716-).
- V. Rev. Isaac Peaslee, (1751-1814).
- VI. Rev. Thomas Peaslee, (1782-1857).
- VII. Joseph Babcock Peaslee, (1810-1882).
- VIII. Rev. Isaac Dorman Peaslee, (1840).
- IX. Clarence Loomis Peaslee, (1871).

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Deeds at Salem, Massachusetts; also the "Sketch Book," by Rev. William C. Smith of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., published in 1859 by Pelton and Porter, New York; Edward P. Cheyney's "Anti-Rent Agitation in New York," (Philadelphia 1887, being No. 2 of the Political Economy and Public Law Series, published by University of Penna.); Jay Gould's "Delaware County"; Barnard's "Rensselaerswyck"; Jenkin's "Silas Wright"; D. D. Brainard in *American Whig Review*, 1840, II., 577; *New Englander* IV., 92; A. J. Colvin's "Review of Anti-Rent Decisions"; J. Fenimore Cooper's "Little Page Tales"; Roberts' "History of New York" in the *American Commonwealth's Series*, edited by Horace E. Scudder, Vol. II., Chapter XXXV; also "New York in the Revolution, as a Colony and State," by James A. Roberts, Comptroller, second edition published in Albany, N. Y. in 1898, page 242; *New York State Records at Albany*, New York; *Records of Civil War at Washington, D. C.*; "Catalogue of the Records of or relating to New York Yearly Meetings, and their Subordinate Branches," by John Cox, Jr., New York; "Manuscripts of the Colony and State of New York in the Revolutionary War."

THE ORIGIN. The Peaslee family sprang from the granite-ribbed and historic soil of Massachusetts, and its various members, now scattered throughout the states of the Union, continue to reflect the positive and independent characteristics of the early New England ancestors. Its members have been distinguished in the arts and in the professions. In poetry, its most illustrious representative is John Greenleaf Whittier. Its roll of honor numbers two governors of the state of New Hampshire, two governors of the state of Maine, two United States senators from Maine, a secretary of the United States Treasury, the chief-justice of the state of Massachusetts, and several members of the national house of representatives. In the science of medicine, few men have

attained higher place than Dr. Edmund Randolph Peaslee, late of New York city, and the bench of New England is now graced by Judge Robert J. Peaslee of Manchester, New Hampshire, and Judge Frederick M. Peaslee of Waterbury, Connecticut. An almost uninterrupted line of clergymen, lawyers and physicians extends from the original and pioneer ancestor, who settled in Salisbury, Massachusetts, in 1636, while the family has also produced educators, business men and farmers, who have been active and prominent in the communities in which they resided. In the field of education is John Bradley Peaslee, who was superintendent of public instruction of Cincinnati, Ohio, for sixteen years, and is a lecturer and author of note, and in the marts of business is James Carr Peaslee of Chicago, Illinois, who is the treasurer of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company.

The Peaslee Family has furnished its full quota of soldiers to the Revolutionary army, as well as to the war of the Rebellion, and its intense religious convictions are reflected from the notable execution of Susanna North Martin for witchcraft at Salem in 1692, down through the exciting early struggles of the Quakers and the Methodists, in which its members bore a prominent part. In that short but decisive struggle for justice and human liberty, waged in eastern New York, and known to history as "The Anti-Rent War," Thomas Peaslee, the "Anti-Renter," was a distinguished leader, and to his fearlessness in the field and his sane and wise counsel in debate, may be largely attributed the successful result of the strife in Schoharie county.

The Peaslee Family has spelled the name variously as "Peaselee," "Peasely," "Peasle," "Peaslee," "Peasley," "Peaslie," "Peasly," "Persley," "Peslee," "Peisley" (Irish), and "Paisley" (Scotch). These variations are more numerous in the first and second generations, the

later generations choosing either "Peaslee" or "Peasley," and the majority of the present generation spell the name "Peaslee."

(I.) JOSEPH PEASLEE, THE FOUNDER OF THE FAMILY IN AMERICA. Whoever opens for examination the old book of town records of Haverhill, Massachusetts, will find on one of its first pages, "Joseph Peasley & Mary, Joseph born Sept. 9, 1646," and further investigation will disclose repeated mention of the name of Joseph Peaslee, father and son, through the records of three-quarters of a century.

The immigrant ancestor, Joseph Peaslee, came to this country at or about the same time as Edmund Johnson, who left England in 1635. Prior to his emigration he married Mary Johnson, in Wales. She was the daughter of a farmer, who was possessed of a considerable wordly estate, and lived in the western part of England, near the river Severn, adjoining Wales.

The first mention of Joseph Peaslee in America is found in the records of Newbury, Massachusetts, in 1641. He took the oath of freeman, June 22, 1642. This oath was enacted as a law in 1634, and was as follows: "I do solemnly bind myself, that I will give my vote and suffrage as I shall judge to mine own conscience may best conduce to the public weal; So help me God." Joseph Peaslee received a grant of land in Haverhill, Massachusetts, March 14, 1645, and his name appears in a list of thirty-two landholders of Haverhill in 1645. He received grants of land from 1645 to 1656, when divisions of land were made by vote of the town of Haverhill. He was a successful farmer, a man of eminent respectability, possessed of a strong character, a self-educated physician of much repute, and was often mentioned in the old records as "a preacher and gifted brother." His most illustrious descendant, the poet, John Greenleaf Whittier, speaks of him as the "brave confessor."

Joseph Peaslee was one of the commissioners for the settlement of claims, and served as selectman of Haverhill in the years 1649-'50 and '53. The part of Salisbury to which Joseph and Mary Peaslee removed from Haverhill, was given the name of Amesbury, from which was granted Newtown (now Newton), New Hampshire. He laid out the town of Haverhill, Massachusetts, in company with Thomas Whittier. He was made a townsman of Salisbury "Newtown," now Amesbury, Massachusetts, July 17, 1656, and was granted twenty acres of upland, bought of Thomas Macy, and ten acres of meadow, "at the pond," for which the town agreed to pay six pounds to Thomas Macy. In divisions of land in Salisbury "Newtown," now Amesbury, in 1656-'57 and '58, Joseph Peaslee received liberal shares.

The term "Townsman" meant a legally recognized inhabitant, entitled to vote and participate in town affairs. The organization of the early settlers blended the state and church in the term "General Court," in order to bring and keep in subordination to the Puritan notions of church government all who might take undue liberty among the settlers. They came to the wilderness to enjoy their own religious liberty, but not to allow religious freedom to any who differed from them. The inhabitants of the "Newtown" neglected to attend meetings for worship in the "Old Town," and failed to contribute to the support of the minister. They held meetings for worship at private houses, and, in the absence of a minister, Joseph Peaslee and Thomas Macy officiated as such.

The "General Court" soon noticed the deviation from the established order, and thereupon decreed that all the inhabitants of the "Newtown" should attend the meetings for the worship of God at the "Old Town," and contribute to the support of the minister, and later, all who failed to attend, unless they had a reasonable excuse, were fined. The



fine was five shillings each for every offense, and five shillings additional fine to Joseph Peaslee and Thomas Macy if they exhorted the people in the absence of a minister. The people, under the leadership of Mr. Peaslee and Mr. Macy, did not heed the orders of the "General Court," but continued to hold meetings, and Mr. Peaslee and Mr. Macy continued to preach. In 1658 the "General Court" ordered Joseph Peaslee and Thomas Macy to personally appear before the next term of said court, to answer for their disobedience to authority. This mandamus was not heeded. Joseph Peaslee continued to preach, and at the next term of the "General Court" he was fined five shillings per week for his disobedience.

Joseph Peaslee would be termed a "Comeoutee," meaning a person who differed from the established church in his religious convictions or practices. He began to preach before or as early as George Fox, in England, the founder of the Quakers.

The First Friends or Quakers in New England were missionaries from England. Four men and six women came over in 1656. They were sent to jail in Boston, and after about eleven weeks' stay were sent back. The master of the ship, Robert Lock, "being compelled to carry them back on his own charge, and to land them nowhere but in England, having been imprisoned till he undertook so to do." In 1659 Thomas Macy was persecuted and fined for allowing four Friends or Quakers, on a journey, to take shelter one rainy day, about three-quarters of an hour, in his house. This episode is fitly commemorated by the poet Whittier in the stirring verses entitled "The Exiles."

There has been found no evidence to show that Joseph Peaslee was a Friend or Quaker, and no society of that order was established in New England before his death. If he had been a Quaker, or even entertained a Quaker in his house for an hour, he would have been per-

secuted and fined the same as Thomas Macy in 1659. His son, Dr. Joseph Peaslee, joined the Society of Friends, and many of his descendants were and now are members of that religious denomination.

Joseph Peaslee and Thomas Macy appear to have been the leaders of the "Salisbury Newtown" people in their determination not to attend meetings for worship in Salisbury, but to hold meetings of their own in the "Newtown."

Joseph Peaslee and his wife, Mary Johnson Peaslee, were the parents of five children, as follows:

1. Jane, who became the wife of John Davis, December 10, 1646, and settled at "Oyster River," Dover, now Durham, New Hampshire.
2. Mary, who married William Sawyer, and resided in Newbury, Massachusetts.
3. Elizabeth, evidently unmarried.
4. Sarah, married Thomas Barnard, Jr., April 12, 1664, and resided at Amesbury, Massachusetts.
5. Joseph Peaslee, Jr., mentioned in a following paragraph.

Joseph Peaslee, the immigrant, died at Salisbury "Newtown," December 3, 1660. He made his will November 11, 1660, which, with the inventory of his estate, is on file at the probate court records office at Salem, Massachusetts. His wife, Mary Peaslee, was made executrix of his will. The personal estate was appraised at one hundred and forty-three pounds, five shillings, and the real estate at two hundred and twenty-one pounds.

In 1662 the widow, Mary Peaslee, was granted one hundred and eight acres of land in Salisbury "Newtown." The administration of her estate was granted September 27, 1694, to her son, Joseph Peaslee, Jr. Her death occurred in Haverhill, Massachusetts, in 1694.

In the town of Newton, New Hampshire, near the Junction, in

The first Quaker meetings in this part of the country were held at the residence of Dr. Joseph Peaslee, and the memories of the "Old Peaslee Garrison House" are kept green by the annual reunions of the "Peaslee Kindred," held in August at Plaistow, New Hampshire.

In 1686, Dr. Joseph Peaslee, with a score of others, was charged with trespassing upon the "Town's ways and common lands by fencing them in." The following year he was chosen constable, and was obliged to perform for the whole town all the work of "warning meetings and gathering rates." In 1677 he took the oath of allegiance and fidelity, at Haverhill, Massachusetts. In 1692 he was "granted the privilege of erecting a saw mill at the head of East Meadow river upon the stream by or near Brandy Brow." The mill was built the following year, and for one hundred and fifty years was owned wholly or in part by persons of the Peaslee name, the descendants of Dr. Joseph Peaslee. He was also a large land holder by grants, inheritance and purchase. He was a noted physician, a "husbandman" or "yeoman," held many public offices, and was much in public life. He was a selectman of Haverhill in 1689, 1690 and 1698. In 1706 he was chosen one of a committee to examine the claims of persons to the common lands, of which he received a share in 1721, and in 1721 he was elected for the second time to the office of constable.

In 1699, when the town voted "that the new meeting-house should in the future be the place where the people should worship God," then "Joseph Peaslee immediately moved that the town allow him and others to meet at the meeting-house for and in their way of worship—which is accounted to be for Quakers; it was read and refused to be voted upon," whereupon, not being allowed to worship with his sect in the new house, Mr. Peaslee opened his own doors, and in his house the Friends met, holding there the first meetings of the society in this part of the

country. In this house crowds were wont to assemble at their quarterly meetings, coming from neighboring towns to listen to addresses made by the most notable speakers of the sect. It was the home and place for meetings when traveling Friend ministers were visiting the settlement of Friends in that locality for three generations.

Dr. Joseph Peaslee married (first) January 21, 1671, Ruth Barnard, born October 16, 1651, daughter of Thomas and Eleanor M. Barnard, the former named having been one of the first settlers of Amesbury. Thomas Barnard was killed by the Indians about the year 1677. Subsequently his widow, Eleanor M. Barnard, became the wife of George Little of Newbury, Massachusetts. The children of Dr. Joseph Peaslee and Ruth (Barnard) Peaslee were eight, as follows:

1. Mary, born in Amesbury, July 14, 1672; married May 24, 1694, to Joseph Whittier, youngest son of Thomas and Ruth (Green) Whittier, and they were the lineal ancestors of John Greenleaf Whittier, the poet, the said Mary Peaslee being his great-grandmother.

2. Joseph, born July 19, 1674; removed in 1732 to Haverhill, West Parish, later to Methuen, Massachusetts, now Salem, New Hampshire, and settled on three hundred and sixty acres of land originally granted to Joseph Peaslee, the first. He was a prominent man, and his name often appears in the colonial and town papers of New Hampshire. He married Elizabeth Hastings.

3. Robert, born February 3, 1677; resided on the homestead; he was a wealthy mill and land-owner; at one time he was the owner of two slaves, and was prominent in church and town affairs. He appears as grantor or grantee in more than one hundred deeds of land located in Essex county, Massachusetts. He married (first) Alice Currier, and (second) Ann Sargent. His four daughters married merchants of

Salem and Boston, and his grandson, Peaslee Collins, was graduated from Harvard University, February 12, 1729.

4. John, born February 25, 1679, and mentioned in a following paragraph.

5. Nathaniel, born June 25, 1682; was a resident of Haverhill; appears as grantor or grantee in more than one hundred deeds of land located in Essex county, Massachusetts; held for a long time the highest office in the town, and was for nine years representative in the general state assembly. He and his brother Robert, above mentioned, were members of the famous "Land Syndicate," of four hundred members, the record of whose grants and transactions, including law suits, would fill many volumes. Nathaniel Peaslee Sargent, son-in-law of Nathaniel Peaslee, was chief-justice of Massachusetts and made a fortune as a lawyer for the syndicate. Nathaniel Peaslee married (first) Judith Kimball; (second) Mrs. Abiah Swan, and (third) Mrs. Martha Hutchins.

6. Ruth, born February 25, 1684, married Samuel Clement.

7. Ebenezer, born March 29, 1688, and died April 11, 1689.

8. Sarah, born August 15, 1690. Married Captain Ebenezer Eastman.

Ruth Barnard Peaslee, mother of these children, died November 5, 1723.

Dr. Joseph Peaslee married for his second wife a widow, Mary (Tucker) Davis, daughter of Morris and Elizabeth (Gill) Tucker, the latter named having been a daughter of John Gill, and widow of Stephen Davis, son of Ephraim Davis, who in turn was a son of James Davis.

Dr. Joseph Peaslee died at Haverhill, Massachusetts, March 21, 1734. His widow was living in 1741. From records of deeds, he evi-



dently distributed his real estate by deeds to his heirs, with this saving clause, "Saving always and hereby reserving unto myself the free use and improvement of ye premises during my natural life." The individual resting place of Dr. Joseph Peaslee is not known with certainty. It was against the principles of the Friends to place large stones at the graves of the departed, and, at the time of his death, when some had offended in this way, the monthly meeting at Amesbury appointed a committee of three men who were to visit the offenders and "discors" with them and report at the next meeting "yt so In Deavors may be used to hinder sutch things." For this reason the antiquarian must remain in ignorance of the individual resting places of the early Peaslees.

(III.) John Peaslee, the fourth child and third son of Dr. Joseph and Ruth (Barnard) Peaslee, was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, February 25, 1679, and entered his intention of marriage with Mary Martin of Amesbury, March 22, 1704. They were married March 1, 1705, at the house of Thomas Barnard, "where a meeting was held for the occasion," and forty-seven persons witnessed the ceremony.

About 1713 he removed from Haverhill to that part of Amesbury now known as Newton, New Hampshire. Newton was settled about 1700, and prior to that time it was called Amesbury "Newtown." He settled in the southern part of the town. It is said that Dr. Joseph Peaslee built for his son John a house a few miles beyond the mill at the head of East Meadow River, on the "Kings Highway," near its junction with the Plaistow Road. The first Friends' meeting in Newton was held at John Peaslee's home. Later a meeting house was built, and a burying ground, near by, was located, which is on the southerly side of an old road, about one mile south of Newton Junction. John Peaslee and his numerous family were all members of the Society of Friends. He was a prominent man in town and church affairs. His

descendants to this day have upheld the integrity of the name, and are prominent and honored citizens of New Hampshire and many other states.

John Peaslee married (first) March 1, 1705, Mary Martin, daughter of John and Mary (Weed) Martin, the former named being a son of George and Susanna (North) Martin of Amesbury, Massachusetts; the latter named a daughter of John and Deborah (Winsby) Weed. Mary Martin Peaslee, wife of said John Peaslee, was therefore a granddaughter of the said George and Susanna (North) Martin. After the death of her husband, George Martin, his widow, Susanna (North) Martin, was arrested for witch-craft, April 30, 1692, examined May 20, tried at Salem, June 29, and executed July 19, 1692. The story of the grief and sufferings of her daughter is told in the beautiful and touching ballad, "The Witch's Daughter," by John Greenleaf Whittier. A full account of the trial is given in Merrill's "History of Amesbury." The children of John and Mary (Martin) Peaslee number eleven, as follows:

1. Joseph, born March 7, 1706; married Martha Hoag; parents of twelve children.
2. John, born December 9, 1707; wife, Lydia; parents of ten children.
3. Sarah, born February 20, 1708 or 1709; became wife of Peter Morrill.
4. Mary, born in 1710, and married Eliphalet Hoyt, August 1, 1745.
5. Jacob, born May 11, 1710, and married Huldah Brown. One child.
6. Nathan, born September 20, 1711; married Lydia Gove; parents of nine children.

7. Ruth, born in 1712; married Nathan Chase.
8. David, born April 2, 1713; married Rachel Straw, February 9, 1742. Eleven children.
9. Moses, born in 1714; married Mary Gove, December 15, 1742. Ten children.
10. James, born in 1715; married Abigail Johnson, January 13, 1742. Seven children.
11. Ebenezer, born in 1716 or 1717; married Lydia Weed, June 23, 1744, and mentioned in a following paragraph.

This large family of eleven children all lived, married and had children. Various records give the names and dates of birth of ninety-eight grand-children, and probably they were not all recorded. The sons of John Peaslee had two hundred and eighty-four grand-children, and the daughters had twenty-nine children, grand-children not known.

John Peaslee married (second) August 18, 1745, Mary Newbegin, a widow, of Hampton, New Hampshire. She was a minister of the Society of Friends. John Peaslee died in Newton, New Hampshire in 1752.

(IV.) EBENEZER PEASLEE, THE FOUNDER OF THE FAMILY IN NEW YORK STATE, one of the youngest children of John and Mary (Martin) Peaslee, was born in 1716 or 1717. The records do not disclose the exact date of his birth. He settled first in Newton, New Hampshire, and then moved westward into the state of New York, settling near Quaker Hill (now Mizzentop), Dutchess county, New York, about four miles from the New Jersey and Harlem railroad, east of Pawling Station. Here was a large settlement and meeting-house of the Quakers. The meeting-house is still standing, and hard by is a large Quaker burying ground where rest Ebenezer Peaslee and his good wife Lydia.

His removal certificate from Hampton (New Hampshire) Monthly Meeting of Friends to Oblong Monthly Meeting of Friends at Quaker Hill (now Mizzentop), Dutchess county, New York, was dated January 16, 1749. He was a member of the Society of Friends or Quakers, and was a farmer by occupation. He married, June 23, 1744, Lydia Weed, born about 1716, a daughter of George and Margaret Weed, of Amesbury, Massachusetts, who were the parents of ten children. George Weed was a son of Lieutenant John Weed, who married Deborah Winsley, daughter of Samuel Winsley, November 14, 1650. Lieutenant John Weed was one of the wealthiest citizens of Amesbury; he died March 15, 1688.

The history of Ebenezer Peaslee and his wife Lydia is easily traced through the records of various monthly meetings of the Society of Friends at sundry locations in New York state. The records, documents and papers belonging or relating to the meetings and their allied organizations, throughout the two New York yearly meetings (one held at Fifteenth street, New York, and sometimes called "Hicksite," and the other held at Twentieth street, New York, and elsewhere, and sometimes called "Orthodox"), were brought together in 1904 and placed in the care of the "Joint Committee on Records of the Religious Society of Friends," at the Fifteenth street meeting-house, entrance 226 East Sixteenth street, New York. Of this important committee, John Cox, Jr., of No. 156 Fifth avenue, New York, is chairman. Here the volumes are assembled and numbered and catalogued to facilitate examination and a descriptive "Catalogue of the Records of, or relating to New York Yearly Meetings and their subordinate branches," by John Cox, Jr., begun in 1897, is nearing completion. It includes all known records from 1663. The old records disclose that "Purchase Monthly Meeting" was the first one established "on the mainland," in 1725, and all

Friends in the province north of New York city were in its jurisdiction until 1744, when Oblong Monthly Meeting was established, which latter then had jurisdiction of the Friends in Dutchess county and to the northward. "Nine Partners Monthly Meeting" was established in 1769, being set off from Oblong, and other small meetings to the north were set off as monthly meetings at various later dates as they grew larger. Where the record of a marriage certificate is missing, or where the party "married out" and was "dealt with" therefor, the minutes of the monthly meeting give the next most valuable data. All such business came before the men's meeting, but the women's meeting dealt with only female offenders, and certificates of clearness for women which had to be ratified by the men's meeting.

In the first register of Oblong Monthly Meeting, page 175, are found the "Births & deaths of the children of Ebenezer and Lydia Peaslee.

Sarah, born ye 10 of ye 4 Mo. 1745.

Anne, born ye 9 of ye 2 Mo. 1747.

Deceased ye 9 Mo. 1748.

Ebenezer, born ye 9 of ye 6 Mo. 1749.

Deceased 1 Mo. 1750, O. S.

Isaac, born ye 18 of ye 2 Mo. 1751, N. S.

John, born ye 25 of ye 12 Mo. 1753.

Mary, born ye 6 of ye 6 Mo. 1756.

Jephthah, born ye 3 of 1 Mo. 1760."

There was another child born to Ebenezer and Lydia (Weed) Peaslee, to-wit: Rivizilla, born in March, 1762, as shown by the family Bible (printed in 1734) belonging to Jephthah Peaslee, and now in possession of Reuben F. Peaslee, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

In Oblong Monthly Meeting, vol 2, page 2, 2nd mo. 14, 1781,



Jephthah Peaslee, son of Ebenezer and Lydia Peaslee, having "married out" while "under dealings" for deviations from plainness, going to "frollicks," etc., was disowned.

In a "List of Heads of Families," of Oblong Monthly Meetings, 3rd mo., 1761, Ebenezer Peaslee and wife are given as members of "Oblong Preparative Meeting."

In the removal certificates of "Nine Partners Monthly Meeting," is a removal certificate for Ebenezer Peaslee from Oblong Monthly Meeting, dated 6th mo. 14, 1790, he having already removed to Nine Partners. No wife is mentioned, and of course no children, as they, being of age, would require individual certificates.

Ebenezer Peaslee was a man of high ideals and strict principles. He firmly adhered to the teachings of the Society of Friends, was intensely religious, successful as a farmer and business man, and reared a large family, who in their day and generation took a prominent and leading part in the stirring events of their times. His three sons, Isaac, John and Jephthah, were soldiers of the Revolution, being members of William Pearce's company of Colonel John Fields Third Regiment of the Dutchess county militia, regular volunteers, and were each given land bounty rights.

The old court records in Dutchess county, New York, disclose the fact that Ebenezer Peaslee was a land owner of prominence, as was also his son Isaac, mentioned in a following paragraph. Ebenezer Peaslee, yeoman, and Lydia, his wife, granted to James Peckham, Blacksmith, of Pawlings Precinct, by deed dated March 10, 1785, a large tract of land, consisting of about 108 acres in the old patent in the eastern part of Dutchess county, New York, called "Oblong," which deed is recorded in Liber 9 of Deeds, page 466.

Such was the beginning and founding of the Peaslee family in the state of New York.

(V.) REV. ISAAC PEASLEE, A SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTION, fourth child of Ebenezer and Lydia (Weed) Peaslee, was born February 18, 1751, at Quaker Hill (now Mizzentop), Dutchess county, New York, and lived for the largest part of his life in the towns of Berne and Rensselaersville, Albany county, New York. He lies buried about four miles west of the Village of Rensselaersville, in an ancient but well kept cemetery, a plain slate slab marking his resting place. His farm is not far distant from the cemetery. His grandchild, Mrs. Harriet Peaslee Bump, of Peshtigo, Wisconsin, daughter of Ira Peaslee, son of said Isaac Peaslee, is authority for the statement that he once owned a fine farm in "Patchin Hollow," Blenheim; Schoharie county, New York, but no record of this has been found. He died in 1814.

Rev. Isaac Peaslee was married three times. His first wife was Mrs. Elizabeth Prenderghast Wing, widow of Ichabod Wing, to whom she bore one son, Ichabod Wing, Jr. She was a daughter of Prince Prenderghast and Deborah Chase, of Cattaraugus county, New York. To Isaac and Elizabeth (Penderghast Wing) Peaslee were born five children, to-wit:

1. John Peaslee, born October 7, 1779, and died in November, 1863.

2. Ira Peaslee, born March 20, 1781, and died May 18, 1873, an exhorter and local preacher in the Methodist church.

3. Thomas Peaslee, born October 16, 1782, and died December 13, 1857, and mentioned in a following paragraph.

4. Ruth Peaslee, married John Ferguson, and thereby became the grandmother of Judge Stephen Mayham, of Schoharie county, New

York. The village and postoffice called "Ruth," in Schoharie county, New York, is named in her honor.

5. Lydia Peaslee, married Isaac Lamb in 1777.

Isaac Peaslee's second wife was Mrs. Hannah Randall Sage, widow of Benjamin Sage, a Revolutionary soldier. Benjamin Sage, with eighteen other members of the Sage family, enlisted in the Revolutionary army, and Benjamin Sage served under Arnold at Quebec and Saratoga in Colonel Stephen Van Rensselaer's regiment. At the close of the war he came to Rensselaersville, New York, and soon died from the effects of exposure and hardships in the Continental army. He left a widow and six small helpless children. Isaac Peaslee married the widow, Hannah Randall Sage, and became a father to her six little children. No children were born of this marriage, but the two sons of Isaac Peaslee by his first wife Elizabeth (Prenderghast Wing) Peaslee, to-wit, John and Ira Peaslee, married the widow Sage's two daughters, Hannah and Lois respectively; hence the Peaslee and Sage relationship. All the Sages are descended from one. David Sage, a native of Wales. Of this stock are Henry and Russell Sage.

Isaac Peaslee married in 1800 or 1801 for his third wife, Mary Trowbridge Tubbs, a widow with eight small children, her former husband, Tubbs, having been also a Revolutionary soldier. To Isaac Peaslee and Mary Trowbridge Tubbs were born the following children:

1. Ephraim Peaslee, born October 11, 1802, died March 31, 1880.
2. Orson Peaslee, born February 22, 1805; died July 25, 1886.
3. One child who died in infancy. Name and dates of birth and death unknown.

Orson and Ephraim Peaslee married sisters, Phoebe and Melissa Baker, daughters of Benjamin Baker and Bathial Crosby, his wife.

Mary (Trowbridge Tubbs) Peaslee, wife of said Isaac Peaslee,

died in 1841, and is buried beside her husband at Rensselaersville, New York.

Isaac Peaslee was a unique and versatile character. Though he was a large land owner and interested in agriculture, yet his life was largely spent preaching and teaching. He was remarkable for his hospitality and the great affection with which he treated his family, uniformly addressing his wives and children by some pet and endearing name. In his public life Rev. Isaac Peaslee was a distinguished character in the stormy times in which he lived. In early life he left the faith of his forefathers, that of the Quakers, and cast his lot with the fervent and rapidly increasing forces of the Methodists. He became a Methodist minister of the early and heroic type. He is said to have been a preacher of remarkable power, a man of great intellectual vigor, a broad scholar, and a firm believer in education.

His niece, Grechel Peaslee, born in 1781, daughter of his brother Jephthah Peaslee and Lois (Adams) Peaslee, became the wife of John Jay, the American patriot and statesman and first chief-justice of the United States supreme court.

To Isaac Peaslee belongs the distinction of having been a soldier of the Revolution. In the work entitled, "New York in the Revolution, as Colony and State," compiled by James A. Roberts, Comptroller, 2nd edition, published in Albany 1898, page 242, are inscribed the names of Isaac Peaslee, Jephthah Peaslee and John Peaslee, three brothers, enlisted as privates in the Third Regiment of the Dutchess county, New York Militia Regular Volunteers. They were all members of William Pearce's company of Colonel John Field's regiment. To all three of the above mentioned brothers land bounty rights were granted. Mere striplings, they faced the hardships of the Continental army without complaint, for the zest of adventure and the love of national independence.

In consequence of their enlistment, the names of their descendants were not continued on the records of the Society of Friends.

In "Manuscripts of the Colony and State of New York in the Revolutionary War," on file in the office of the comptroller of the state of New York, vol. 21, folio 98, is the record of a sale of land by Isaac Peaslee and others, as follows:

"We, the Subscribers, members of a Class in Capt. William Pearces Company and Colonel John Fields Regiment. Who provided a man to witt Liman Noble to Sarve in the Levies of this State untill the first Day of Jany. Next Who has been Delivered and a Certificate taken for such Delivery according to Law. Whareby said Class is Entitled to two hundred acres of unapropriated Lands we do therefore in consideration of the sum of one pound To us in hand paid by Nathaniel Platt the Receipt Whereof we Do acknowledge thereby grant and assign over unto the said Nathaniel Platt his heirs and assigns the whole Tract of two hundred acres of Land Which the said Class is Entitled to in per-suance of a law of this State Entitled an act for the Raising troops to Complet the Lines of this State in the Service of the United States in two Regements to be Raised on bounties of unapropriated Lands for the further Defence of the frontiers of this State passed the Twenty third Day of March in year of our Lord One thousand Seven Hundred and Eightytwo to have and to hold the said Two hundred Acres of land unto the said Nathaniel Platt his heirs and assigns to his and thare proper use benefit and behooff for Ever as Witness our hand and seals Signed Sealed and Delivered in the Presents of

Stephen Akins

Paulings Precinct

March the 25, 1783

Dutchess County

State of New York."

The above unique document bears the signatures of Prince Briggs, John Peaslee, Jephthah Peaslee, John Toffey, Isaac Peaslee, Anthony Briggs, John Briggs, and Josiah Sherman.

The old records in Dutchess county contain the record of a deed



from Isaac Peaslee and Elizabeth, his wife, to Amos Irish, dated March 6, 1786, and recorded in liber 10 of deeds, page 32, for a tract of land of sixty acres in the old patent called "Oblong."

The descendants of Isaac Peaslee and of Ebenezer Peaslee, his father, moved westward to the "wilds" of Central New York, where they bore well their part in the energetic and stirring events of those pioneer days.

(VI.) REV. THOMAS PEASLEE, THE ANTI-RENTER, son of Rev. Isaac Peaslee, was born on his father's farm near Pawlings precinct, Dutchess county, New York, on October 16, 1782. He was a man of powerful physique, a pioneer in spirit and life, a preacher and exhorter of great fervor and zeal in the Methodist Episcopal church, and a man unusually interested in church and education. He is credited with being a natural orator, and a public speaker of great force and persuasion. In 1804 he married Eunice Babcock, born in Dutchess county, New York, April 2, 1782, a daughter of Joseph Babcock and Phoebe Burdick, of Little Hoosick, New York.

Soon after his marriage, Thomas Peaslee migrated westward from Dutchess county into the wilds of central New York, and about the year 1806 settled at Blenheim Hill, in Schoharie county. The country round about was a howling wilderness, infested with wolves and other wild animals. In these surroundings, Thomas Peaslee lived and wrought and reared a large family. He cleared the forest and tilled the soil; assisted in erecting a church, and became the preacher. Through their generous hospitality and uniform kindness he and his good wife became known far and wide as "Uncle Thomas and Aunt Eunice." His home was the holding place for the circuit rider and the early itinerant Methodist preacher. He was the moderator in church trials, the friend and counsellor of the community, and in the exciting struggle of the

Anti-Renters he distinguished himself as a wise and fearless leader. John Bangs, a famous Methodist circuit rider, relates in his "Memoirs" that Thomas Peaslee, in the days of his poverty, paid fifty dollars of the two hundred and fifty dollars subscribed, to complete the church edifice at Blenheim Hill. The imprecations of Elder Bangs, calling for the lightning to strike and the fire to consume the incompleted structure, unless the people who had grown indifferent subscribed sufficient to finish the building, may have given the name to the church, which even to this day is called the "Brimstone Meeting House," and therein Thomas Peaslee often preached. His wife Eunice attended church in a tow dress, and Thomas himself was clothed in homespun. The story goes that in his early preaching days, Thomas would pound the bench and denounce all wearers of broadcloth as fit victims for future punishment, but the day came, however, when he waxed rich, as riches went on Blenheim Hill, and wore broadcloth to church himself, and his denunciations became less forceful.

The early history of Thomas and Eunice Peaslee is the record of pioneer life, filled with thrilling adventures and hardships. Tradition recites that Eunice Peaslee, returning homeward at night-fall through the forest with her child upon her back, eluded at first by nimble foot the wolves that closed about her, and was rescued just in the nick of time by her husband, when the pack was upon her a second time.

Between the years 1839 and 1847 a great commotion, known in history as the "Anti-rent War," arose in that part of New York state comprised in the counties of Albany, Columbia, Schoharie, Delaware, Green and Rensselaer. This memorable struggle lasted for years. The territory was placed under martial law. Riots and battles were frequent. The tenants, who were the real owners of the soil, when engaged in actual conflict, disguised themselves as "Indians." The



controversy was carried into politics and was finally settled by legislation, by the New York constitution of 1846 and the decisions of the courts of last resort.

Thomas Peaslee was an Anti-renter and the leader of the movement in Schoharie county. He was known among the Anti-renters of his section as "Big Thunder," and at his house the Anti-renters often met disguised as "Indians" and held their "powwows." Joseph Babcock Peaslee, son of Thomas Peaslee, together with his wife, Magdalena Seeber Peaslee, mentioned in a following paragraph, were both present at Thomas Peaslee's house when the "Indians" came at night for an Anti-rent meeting, and they relate that the crowd was dense and the disguise as Indians so perfect that they did not recognize their own father Thomas, although he presided at the meeting.

Nathan Smith Peaslee, a son of Thomas Peaslee, was shot in the thigh in an Anti-rent battle as he was legging it for the woods with a basket of provisions for the laborers who were "drawing in" rye for another son, Thomas Sheldon Peaslee; but tradition says that a heavy woolen garment became wadded just at the place of contact, and prevented a serious wound. From Blenheim Hill, the home of Thomas Peaslee, the "runners" departed on their errands of awakening and alarm, and the watch fires of the "Indians" blazed fiercely, signalling to those farther away, the approach of any hostile forces. A man named Curtis, intermarried with the Peaslees, was arrested as an Anti-renter and incarcerated in the jail at Delhi, New York. He climbed to the jail walls and sang his Anti-rent songs, and was finally discharged from custody. The war spirit ran high in Schoharie and the stock question of Thomas Peaslee put to all comers was, "Are you an Anti-renter"? In the heat of the conflict, crowds of men, under the leadership of Thomas Peaslee, went from farm to farm and harvested the crops and

delivered them safely into the possession of the real owner. Thomas Peaslee and John Mayham were among the best speakers in behalf of the Anti-renters. It is related that John Mayham invariably advocated fighting, but Thomas Peaslee counselled moderation—not to yield, but to resort to legislation. Thomas Peaslee was one of the originators of the "Combination of Eighty" "to buy the soil." Their offer was rejected by J. A. King, the landlord and owner of the "leases." His action precipitated an open revolt. Great mass meetings were held in the "Old Brimstone Meeting-House," which John Bangs called "desecrating the House of God." It is related that at these meetings Thomas Peaslee would get in dead earnest and pound the desk with his fist and the floor with his cane, and exhort the crowd to be firm and commit no crime, but at the same time he kept them hot on the injustice of the system. The lands of Thomas Peaslee and his neighbors were all covered by the Blenheim patent, given by the Crown to John Weatherhead and others, November 28, 1769, and comprised about forty thousand acres of land. Proper legislation and grants subsequently annulled the "leases," and put the title in fee simple in the owners. And thus the conflict ended in the victory of the Anti-renters.

The children of Thomas and Eunice Peaslee were seven, as follows:

1. Thomas Sheldon Peaslee, 1806-1882.
2. Elizabeth Peaslee, 1808-1839.
3. Joseph Babcock Peaslee, 1810-1882, mentioned in a following paragraph.
4. Sarah Peaslee, 1811-1813.
5. Lydia Peaslee, 1813-1814.
6. Isaac Peaslee, 1814-1839.
7. Nathan Smith Peaslee, 1815-1887.

Of these children, Thomas Sheldon Peaslee, a local preacher in the Methodist church, born June 24, 1806, married Mahala Curtis, September 12, 1830. She was a daughter of Joseph Curtis and Amy Conklin, born January 23, 1810. Their children were:

Joseph Curtis Peaslee, 1831-1873; Susan Peaslee, 1834-1858; Amy Peaslee, 1836-1854; Isaac Peaslee, 1838, now living in California; Elizabeth Peaslee, 1840-1874; Thomas Peaslee, 1843, now living at Stamford, New York; Charles Morgan Peaslee, 1846-1871, died while a student at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut; Martha Lorena Peaslee, 1850-1854.

Nathan Smith Peaslee, the seventh child of Thomas and Eunice Peaslee, married Ruth Conklin, daughter of Samuel Conklin and Amy Curtis, March 13, 1842. Their children were: Amy Curtis Peaslee, who died at the age of five years, and Fannie Babcock Peaslee, who married W. S. Jones, and is now living on the old Peaslee homestead on Blenheim Hill.

Elizabeth Peaslee, the second child of Thomas and Eunice Peaslee, married Joseph Curtis, son of Stephen Curtis and Lydia Palmer. To them were born three children: Thomas Peaslee Curtis, who served with General Custer; Alva Curtis, a professor in Michigan University; and Smith Curtis, who died in Libby Prison.

At the time of the funerals of Thomas and Eunice Peaslee, though they resided in the country on a farm and in a sparsely settled district, so great was the respect and esteem in which they were held, that over two thousand people were present to pay honor to their memories. The following fitting tribute to Thomas and Eunice Peaslee is recorded in the "Sketch Book," written in 1859 by Rev. William C. Smith, of Poughkeepsie, New York:

"Uncle Thomas and Aunt Eunice! From my father's house I

went to the old home of Father and Mother Peaslee, familiarly called Uncle Thomas and Aunt Eunice, but, alas! those venerable forms were not there. These aged veterans have gone to their graves. I found the homestead occupied by their youngest son, Nathan Smith Peaslee. Oh! How many of the old traveling preachers will recollect the kindness of this Christian family to them in hours of weariness and hunger! Uncle Thomas and Aunt Eunice were born the same year, experienced religion in the same meeting, were baptized at the same time, died the same day and both were buried in the same grave. They were born in \*October, 1782; converted in 1816; died December 13, 1857, in the seventy-sixth year of their age. Dutchess county, New York was their birth place, and they died at Blenheim, Schoharie county, New York, where they had resided about a half century. Uncle Thomas was my first Sunday School teacher, steward and exhorter. But I forbear giving further account of this righteous pair. Their record is in Heaven and their memories are blessed on Earth."

(VII.) JOSEPH BABCOCK PEASLEE, the second son of Thomas and Eunice (Babcock) Peaslee, was born at Blenheim, Schoharie county, New York, January 19, 1810. In 1855 he moved to a farm in the town of Cherry Valley, New York, and this farm is now held in the Peaslee name. He was a wheelwright by trade, but followed agricultural pursuits the greater part of his lifetime. He was a very prominent and influential man in his town, held public office for eighteen years, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he was an officer nearly all his life, and was a highly respected citizen, and a kind and obliging neighbor. He was very active in religion and politics, and held many places of trust and responsibility. On March 12, 1834, Joseph B. Peaslee married Magdalena Seeber, who was born in the "Seeber Homestead" on Oak Hill, near Saltspringville,

New York, in 1815. She was the daughter of Jacob Seeber of Montgomery county, New York, a member of a family distinguished for notable service in the Revolutionary army. Magdalena Seeber Peaslee was a woman of strong character, firm will power, and great determination, and throughout her long life was the constant companion and helper of her husband, and his chief adviser and counsellor. Like her husband, she was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and her door was always open to receive the early itinerant Methodist circuit-rider.

Joseph Babcock Peaslee died at the old Peaslee Homestead at Saltspringville, New York, December 27, 1882. His wife died at the same place, April 24, 1898, and their remains are resting in the family plot on the "Seeber Homestead," where she was born. To Joseph Babcock and Magdalena Seeber Peaslee there were born ten children, as follows:

1. Jacob Thomas Peaslee, farmer, Saltspringville, New York, born in the town of Middlefield, Otsego county, New York, September 29, 1836. Married Emily Catharine Diefendorf, December 25, 1861, who was born March 5, 1839, and a daughter of Warner and Christianna (Wolgemuth) Diefendorf. To Jacob Thomas and Emily Catharine (Diefendorf) Peaslee was born one son, William Diefendorf Peaslee, born at Saltspringville, Otsego county, New York, on August 2, 1865, now residing in Brooklyn, New York.

2. James Oliver Peaslee, born May 8, 1838, died December 17, 1866; married December 28, 1864, to Malinda Barringer, born January 2, 1842, a daughter of Aaron Barringer and Eliza Ellwood. James Oliver Peaslee was a soldier of the civil war, a member of the One Hundred and Twenty-first New York Infantry, and died from wounds received at the battle of Gettysburg. To James O. and Malinda Bar-



ringer Peaslee was born one son, Joseph Peaslee, December 17, 1865, married January 15, 1890, to Anna Blanche Cooke. Children: Mabel H. Peaslee, born August 29, 1892; J. Frank Peaslee, born November 30, 1893; and James Cooke Peaslee, born December 20, 1895, died March 11, 1897. Residence, East Springfield, New York.

3. Rev. Isaac Dorman Peaslee, mentioned in a following paragraph.

4. Mary Elizabeth Peaslee, Saltspringville, New York, born December 18, 1841; married March 21, 1861, to Sebastian Weller, Jr., born March 28, 1840, son of Sebastian and Elizabeth Weller. Children, six, as follows: 1. Jay D. Weller, born March 16, 1862, married February 16, 1898, to Eliza Dussell. 2. Joseph Weller, born April 14, 1863, died January 12, 1903. Married July 14, 1888, to Addie Howard. Children: Howard Weller, born April 15, 1891; Willis Weller, born December 20, 1892; Thelma Weller, born May 27, 1900; two other children died in infancy. 3. DeForest Weller, born September 2, 1865, died August 19, 1876. 4. James Weller, born October 4, 1866, married March 26, 1896, to Addie Killmer. Children: Delos J. Weller, born June 26, 1897; Annie May Weller, born May 5, 1899. 5. Mary Elizabeth Weller, born August 28, 1868. Married Victor D. Eckler, April 20, 1893; one child, Flora G. Eckler, born March 30, 1897. 6. Homer Weller, born May 5, 1870, married February 18, 1903, to Carrie Richard.

5. Delos Seeber Peaslee, farmer, Saltspringville, New York, born April 15, 1844; married December 29, 1864, to Mary Frances Brown, a daughter of Peter Brown, of the town of Canajoharie, New York, and Fanny Bradford Holmes, of the state of New Hampshire. Delos Seeber Peaslee was a soldier in the civil war and a member of the One Hundred and Ninety-second New York Infantry.

6. Dr. John Smith Peaslee, Schodack Landing, New York, born

March 15, 1849; married October 8, 1879, to Joey Springsteen, born January 24, 1859, died October 4, 1897, a daughter of John Springsteen, born at Schodack Landing, New York, May 25, 1811, and Clarrissa Schermerhorn, born at Rotterdam, New York, March 17, 1815. Children of John Smith and Joey (Springsteen) Peaslee as follows: 1. J. Squire Peaslee, born at Schodack Landing, New York, September 1, 1880, died August 4, 1883. 2. Zebeth Peaslee, and 3. Eunice Peaslee, twin daughters, born August 5, 1884. Eunice Peaslee died August 26, 1884. 4. Ruth S. Peaslee, born July 25, 1890.

Dr. John S. Peaslee is a practicing physician, was graduated from Clinton Liberal Institute, Fort Plain, New York, as valedictorian of his class; also from Albany Medical College, Albany, New York.

7. Livingston Babcock Peaslee, LL. B., attorney-at-law, Defiance, Ohio, born August 7, 1851, in the town of Minden, Montgomery county, New York, married December 5, 1877, to Florence Alexandria Latty, daughter of Judge Alexander Latty and Susan Rebecca Latty, of Defiance, Ohio. To Livingston B. and Florence A. Peaslee was born one son, September 12, 1878, Alexander Sanky Latty Peaslee, electrical engineer, student at Upper Canada College, Toronto, Canada, and graduate of Knox College, Gambier, Ohio, an electrician with the Westinghouse Electrical Company of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Livingston Babcock Peaslee is a practicing lawyer, graduated from Michigan University in 1876, cum laude.

8. Eunice Margaret Peaslee, born June 17, 1846, died August 21, 1866.

9. Malinda Catharine Peaslee, Saltspringville, New York, born September 21, 1853; married October 9, 1872, to William Diefendorf. Children, twelve, as follows: 1. Rev. Leigh Diefendorf, born March 7, 1874, married Gerta M. Weller, October 23, 1901. Methodist



preacher in Troy conference. 2. Amy Diefendorf, born January 17, 1875, married Morris G. Herrick, October 22, 1902. Resides at Scho-dack Landing, New York. 3. Annie Diefendorf, born February 9, 1876. 4. Florence Diefendorf, born March 1, 1878, died July 27, 1886. 5. Lulu Diefendorf, born October 24, 1880, died April 4, 1896. 6. Magdalena Diefendorf, born September 24, 1882. 7. Martha Diefendorf, born April 23, 1885, died January 28, 1900. 8. Burke Diefendorf, born March 12, 1887. 9. William Diefendorf, Jr., born December 23, 1889. 10. Myrtle Diefendorf, born June 27, 1890. 11. Iva Diefendorf, born May 21, 1893. 12. Lucius Diefendorf, born March 18, 1896.

10. Joseph Albert Peaslee, farmer, Saltspringville, New York, born July 15, 1856.

(VIII.) REV. ISAAC DORMAN PEASLEE, B. D., third son of Joseph Babcock and Magdalena (Seeber) Peaslee, was born in the town of Minden, Montgomery county, New York, February 22, 1840. His early days were spent on his father's farm with his brothers and sisters, where he laid the foundation for the rugged health and energy which enabled him to continue for forty-two years of uninterrupted service as a Methodist Episcopal clergyman. He attended the district school at Saltspringville, the Fort Plain Seminary at Fort Plain, New York, the Cherry Valley Academy at Cherry Valley, New York, and the Genesee Wesleyan Seminary, at Lima, New York. His technical education was obtained at the Concord School of Theology, at Concord, New Hampshire, now a constituent school of the Boston University, from which institution he was graduated in 1863. In the same year he joined the Oneida Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, and by reason of changes in boundary lines eventually became a member of the Northern New York Conference. He was ordained deacon at Norwich, New

York, by Bishop Scott, and was ordained elder by Bishop Kingsley at Utica, New York. He has filled the best and most important appointments in his conference work. Among these charges are Worchester, Cooperstown, Waterville, Hamilton, New Hartford, Norwood, Gouverneur, Madison, Oswego, Malone, Adams, Boonville, Vernon and Clinton. Mr. Peaslee is a pulpit orator of merit and ability and of great power in swaying and persuading audiences. His work has been that of a typical Methodist preacher, witnessed by marked revivals, large missionary collections, and the building of churches and parsonages. He has ever been the friend of education and has many times been appointed by his conference as the official visitor to the Syracuse University, from which institution his three children were graduated. He has also been a frequent contributor to the religious press of his denomination.

After forty-two years of uninterrupted service as a Methodist clergyman, Mr. Peaslee voluntarily took a supernumerary relation to his conference in 1904, and is now enjoying a well-earned rest at his home in Cooperstown, New York, in the same house in which his wife, Martha Anna Browne, was born and married.

On September 17, 1868, Rev. Isaac Dorman Peaslee married Martha Anna Browne, of Cooperstown, New York, who was born January 23, 1847. She was educated at the select schools of Cooperstown and the Cooperstown Seminary. She is a daughter of Loomis and Emily Jane (Shellner) Browne. Loomis Browne, of English descent, was born February 24, 1816, and died June 12, 1865. He was an architect and contractor, a man of large affairs, and the designer and builder of some of the finest dwellings and public buildings in Cooperstown, New York, notable among which is the "Sunny Side Cottage." He was the son of Levi and Lydia (Webster) Browne; the former named, born April 24, 1784, died August 15, 1833; and the latter named, born December

4, 1789, died January 25, 1844, and of the stock of Daniel Webster. Emily Jane (Shellner) Browne was born in Cherry Valley, New York, March 14, 1821, and died February 15, 1895. She was a daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Van Seise) Shellner, the latter named having been a native of Ballstown, New York. To Loomis and Emily Jane (Shellner) Browne were born two children, Martha Anna Browne, wife of Rev. Isaac D. Peaslee, and Mary Angeline Browne, who died in her childhood. Emily Jane Browne was a remarkable character, possessed of a strong individuality, a sunny disposition and a ready wit. Her bright view of life remained with her to the end, and her large circle of friends remember her as a cheerful character, full of life's activities.

Martha Anna (Browne) Peaslee has been a devoted mother and the helpmate of her husband in his various fields of labor. Of sound judgment, infinite patience and superior executive ability, she softened the ways of the itinerancy, and in no small degree, through her self sacrifice and strict economy made it possible to give her three children a university training.

To Isaac D. and Martha A. Peaslee were born three children:

1. Clarence Loomis Peaslee, mentioned in a following paragraph.
2. Arthur Browne Peaslee, A. B., LL. B., Oneida, New York, born March 17, 1873, at Hamilton, New York, died January 1, 1904, at Oneida, New York, was graduated from Adams Collegiate Institute, Adams, New York, as valedictorian of his class in 1891; from Syracuse University, classical course, in 1898, and from the Syracuse University Law School in 1898; member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity; admitted to the bar of New York state in June, 1898. Arthur Browne Peaslee was possessed of a keen and analytical mind. He was a brilliant student, a fine musician, and at the time of his early death was just entering upon the opportunities of an expanding and increasing practice as a lawyer,

and was held in great regard and esteem by all who knew him, for his high and manly ideals.

3. Mary Ethel Peaslee, B. L., Cooperstown, New York, born at Norwood, St. Lawrence county, New York, October 27, 1880; was graduated from Cazenovia Seminary, Cazenovia, New York, in 1898; from Syracuse University, belles lettres course, in 1903; member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

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(IX.) CLARENCE LOOMIS PEASLEE, A. B., A. M., eldest son of Rev. Isaac Dorman and Martha Anna (Browne) Peaslee, was born at Waterville, Oneida county, New York, January 19, 1871. He attended the public schools in New York state, and was graduated from Adams Collegiate Institute in 1889, as valedictorian of his class. In the fall of 1889 he entered Syracuse University as a student from Adams, New York, and was graduated therefrom in the classical course, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, in June, 1893; and he received the degree of Master of Arts in June, 1896; was member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity; editor of University News, 1891-1892; calculus orator, June 19, 1893; farewell orator, class 1893. Immediately after graduation from college, Mr. Peaslee taught Latin and Rhetoric in the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in 1893-94; Latin and Greek in the same institution, 1894-97. Simultaneously with teaching, Mr. Peaslee studied law under the tutelage of H. C. & S. T. McCormick, at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and was duly admitted to the bar of Lycoming county in Pennsylvania, January 6, 1898; to the supreme court of Pennsylvania, June 3, 1902; to the superior court of Pennsylvania, February 9, 1903; to the circuit and district courts of the United States, for the Western District of Pennsylvania, April 9, 1901, and to the cir-

cuit and district courts of the United States for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, May 6, 1901.

Immediately after his admission to the bar, Mr. Peaslee served for one year, 1898, as clerk in the law offices of his preceptors, H. C. & S. T. McCormick, and the following year, 1899, was admitted to the firm as a partner. On January 1, 1900, Mr. Peaslee formed a co-partnership with William Ellis Haines, which relationship has existed up to the present time (1905), the firm having a large clientage and being one of the most active in the city of Williamsport.

Mr. Peaslee has always taken an interest in politics and was secretary of the Republican county committee in 1896, and has been active as a political speaker in every campaign and on civic and memorial occasions. In May, 1905, Mr. Peaslee declined the appointment of attorney for the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission at Washington, D. C., preferring to continue in his private law practice.

On August 19, 1897, Mr. Peaslee married Helen Elizabeth Wilson, born December 14, 1865, a daughter of George Leidy Wilson, born December 10, 1831, and died August 7, 1892, and Sarah Bates (Gray) Wilson, born November 14, 1841. To Clarence Loomis and Helen (Wilson) Peaslee were born three children:

1. Helen Wilson Peaslee, born September 14, 1898.
2. Clarence Loomis Peaslee, Jr., born June 4, 1901, and died August 30, 1901.
3. Isaac Gray Peaslee, born November 23, 1905.

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#### CHARLES SUMNER HORTON.

(1) Barnabas Horton, the founder of the American branch of the family, was born in Mousely, Leicestershire, England, July 13, 1600, a son of Joseph Horton. Barnabas Horton emigrated to America in the





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ship "Swallow," Captain Jeremy Horton, owner and master, in 1635-1638, and landed at Hampton, Massachusetts. He was accompanied by his wife, Mary, and two children, Joseph and Benjamin. In the year 1640 he came to New Haven, Connecticut, and settled permanently on the east end of Long Island, now Southold, Suffolk county, New York, in October of the same year. They were the parents of ten children, all of whom, with the exception of the two eldest, were born in Southold. Their children were: Joseph, born about 1632; Benjamin, about 1634; Caleb, about 1640; Joshua, about 1643; Jonathan, about 1648; Hannah, Sarah, Mary, Mercy and Abigail.

(II) Joseph Horton, the eldest son of Barnabas and Mary Horton, was born in Mousely, England, about the year 1632. He came to this country with his parents, and for several years after his marriage resided near his father in Southold, Long Island. He was admitted a Freeman of Connecticut Colony in 1662, and about 1664 moved to Rye, West Chester county, New York. The following year he sold his house and four acres of land to his father, Barnabas Horton, and deeded land to John Youngs. He was chosen one of the selectmen of Rye, and was one of a committee of three to choose a minister. In 1678 he was appointed justice of the peace, later a lieutenant and then captain of a militia company, and was authorized by the general court to issue warrants and to marry persons. During the years 1690 and 1691 he was devisee of his brother Benjamin's estate, his brother Joshua having been executor of the same. In 1695 he was chosen one of the vestrymen of the church, and four years later was licensed to keep a public house of entertainment. He was a miller by trade, which line of work he followed throughout the active years of his life. About the year 1655 he married Jane Budd, daughter of John Budd, one of the original thirteen Puritans, who settled in Southold in 1640. Their children were as fol-

lows: Joseph, born about 1656; John, about 1657; Samuel, about 1658; David, about 1661; Jeremiah, about 1666, and several daughters.

(III) David Horton, the fourth son of Joseph and Jane (Budd) Horton, was born in Rye, West Chester county, New York, about the year 1661. About the year 1686 he settled at White Plains, New York, married Esther King, and the following named children were born to them: Joseph, 1687; Thomas, 1690; Daniel, April 23, 1692; Samuel, John, Jeremiah, Abigail and Ambrose.

(IV) Daniel Horton, third son of David and Esther (King) Horton, was born in White Plains, New York, April 23, 1692. About the year 1724 he married Esther Lane, who was born in Rye, New York, May 24, 1704, and after their marriage they settled in Yorktown, New York. Their children, eight in number, all of whom were born in Yorktown, are as follows: Daniel, born in 1725; Elizabeth; Rachel; Stephen, April 30, 1731; Esther; Phoebe; Millicent; and William, January 10, 1743.

(V) Hon. William Horton, the youngest child of Daniel and Esther (Lane) Horton, was born in Yorktown, New York, January 10, 1743. In 1789 he removed from the town of Sommers, formerly Stephentown, to Colchester, Delaware county, New York. He was a tanner and currier by trade, and tanned the first leather ever manufactured in Delaware county. He purchased large tracts of land, built saw-mills and grist-mills, and conducted a large business in the manufacture and sale of lumber and provisions, as well as of leather. He was a man of sound judgment and industry, and by patience and perseverance was instrumental in transforming the town of Colchester, which was a wilderness when he went there, into a well cultivated and beautiful place. He served as justice of the peace for many years, and was a member of the state legislature in 1794. At the time that Ulster

and Delaware counties were formed into one he was serving in the capacity of president judge of Ulster county. In 1768 he married Elizabeth Covert, a descendant of a French ancestry, and their children were: John, born 1769; Henry, November 7, 1771; James, January 23, 1773; Sarah, 1775; Micajah, 1777; Isaac, April 13, 1780; and Hattie, 1783. Both Mr. and Mrs. Horton were active workers in the Baptist church, and the entire family held membership in the same.

(VI) Isaac Horton, youngest son of William and Elizabeth (Covert) Horton, was born in Sommers, New York, April 13, 1780. He was married in Colchester, New York, January 1, 1807, to Prudence Knapp, and their family of ten children were all born in that town, with the exception of the youngest. The births of their children were as follows: Homer, June 28, 1809; Ray, April 8, 1811; James, June 5, 1813; Charles, February 25, 1815; Esther, August 4, 1817; Clarissa, May 11, 1819; Ovid, May 7, 1821; Annis, January 16, 1824; Webb, February 24, 1826; and Emily, December 11, 1829. This large family is remarkable for the few deaths which have occurred in their midst, for when the youngest was forty-six years of age the rest of the family were all living. In 1837 Mr. Horton had thirty-seven grandchildren, all of whom were living but two. Mr. Horton was a member of the Baptist church at Colchester, but after his removal to Liberty, Sullivan county, New York, in April, 1826, he became a member of the Episcopal church. He built a grist mill at Liberty Falls in 1828, another in 1841, and for a number of years was extensively engaged in the manufacture of bed posts and other turned work, including wooden bowls, also in shipping curled and birdseye maple. He was a Whig in politics, and ably supported Clay and Webster during their campaigns.

(VII) Homer Horton, eldest son of Isaac and Prudence (Knapp) Horton, was born in Colchester, New York, June 29, 1809. He was

united in marriage to Jane Davidge, in Liberty, New York, and seven children were the issue, all of whom were born in Sullivan county, New York. Walter, born in 1832; Lucien, December 14, 1836; Elizabeth, November 15, 1838; Rachel, July 3, 1843; James, August 1, 1849; Isaac, in 1851; Sarah, about 1854.

(VIII) Lucien Horton, second son of Homer and Jane (Davidge) Horton, was born in Bethel, Sullivan county, New York, December 14, 1836. He was a tanner by trade, and was extensively engaged in that line of work in the states of New York and Pennsylvania throughout the active years of his life. He resided at Berkshire, Tioga county, New York, and was one of the principals of the firm of Davidge, Horton & Co., sole leather tanners of Berkshire. He was a man of commanding form, and possessed good, sound qualities. At Liberty, New York, November 12, 1861, Mr. Horton was married to Harriet Burr, daughter of Bradley and Polly (Sherwood) Burr, who was born August 21, 1836, and died in April, 1882. Their children were: Charles Sumner, born at Lake Como, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1863; Jessie Belle, born at Lake Como, May 11, 1864; Cora Burr, born at Berkshire, November 26, 1865; Lillian May, born at Berkshire, August 24, 1870; Leroy, born at Berkshire, April 28, 1873; Emma Davidge, born at Berkshire, December 19, 1875; Jane McNair, born at Berkshire, January 6, 1879. For his second wife Mr. Horton married Althea M. Ball, daughter of Asa Ball, in 1884, at Berkshire, New York. Their children were: James Davidge, born in December, 1885, and Lucien Ball, born in December, 1887. The father of these children died in 1892, and his remains were interred in Evergreen cemetery at Berkshire, New York.

One of the foremost business men and lumber manufacturers of Pennsylvania and a leader in many enterprises, is Charles Sumner Horton, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Mr. Horton is the eldest son of

Lucien and Harriet Burr Horton, and was born January 3, 1863, at Lake Como, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, where his father was engaged in tanning hemlock sole leather. The history of the family can be traced back to Barnabas Horton, who came to this country from Leicestershire, England, and settled at Southold, Long Island, in 1635. In 1865 his father moved to Berkshire, Tioga county, New York, and established a tannery and afterwards became engaged in the same business at Newark Valley, New York, and other points in Pennsylvania. It was at Berkshire, New York, that he received a public school education, which was supplemented by a course in the Geneseo State Normal School. After leaving this school he received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point, from which he retired after a short time to enter into commercial pursuits, and found an opening in the business of his uncle, Walter Horton, at Sheffield, Pennsylvania, where for two years he acted as clerk and doing general office work. He afterwards engaged for a short time in the manufacture of lumber and wagon hubs at Berkshire, New York.

In 1884 Mr. Horton obtained a position with the firm of Davidge & Company, sole leather tanners at English Center, Pennsylvania, and in 1885 was made superintendent of the Leicester tannery at that point, and two years later became a partner in the firm, of which Mr. S. P. Davidge was at the head. This concern carried on an extensive business, acquiring considerable timber lands, and later on a tannery in Warren county, Pennsylvania, and a wholesale leather business in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. In 1893, when the firm had obtained considerable prominence in the lumber and tanning industry in its section of the country, its business was acquired by the United States Leather Company, which was organized at that time, and which business was divided into three operating concerns, one known as the Union Tanning



Company with headquarters in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Mr. Horton was chosen general superintendent and afterwards president of this company, and at that time moved his family to Williamsport and became prominent in the business and social life of that place.

In 1903 the Tanning Companies, which controlled vast hemlock timber tracts, and which up to that time were operated for the bark alone, the timber being disposed of from time to time to sawmill men, decided that the business could be best handled by the organization of a company to manufacture the timber from these lands, and the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company was organized with a view of developing the lands, and in the summer of 1904 became one of the largest if not the largest producer of hemlock lumber in the United States, having, during the lapse of one year, placed in operation eight sawmills, all of which were fitted with modern equipment, and have a capacity for producing one million feet of lumber daily. The company was organized May 25, 1903, Mr. Horton being chosen president, and associated with him as officers of the company are C. B. Farr, vice-president; Mr. R. G. Brownell, secretary, and Mr. F. E. Bradley, treasurer. One of their largest plants is located in Williamsport, the others being at Grays Run, Laquin, Jamison City, Leetonia, Tiadaghton, Mina and Lolets, all in Pennsylvania, together with some smaller operations on the line of the Tionesta Valley Railway, with headquarters at Sheffield, Pennsylvania.

In addition to handling the large production of lumber, the company is extensively engaged in peeling and delivering to the tanneries controlled by the United States Leather Company an enormous quantity of bark, estimated at from 250,000 to 400,000 cords per annum. The company also owns or controls two hundred and fifty miles of railroad, which includes the Susquehanna & New York Railroad, the Tionesta

Valley Railway and tramroads connected therewith. For a large portion of the year the company carries on its pay-rolls the names of approximately seven thousand persons, and during the bark-peeling season the services of five thousand additional employes are necessary. The timber territory owned and operated by the company aggregates from 450,000 to 500,000 acres located in the counties of McKean, Warren, Forest, Elk, Potter, Clinton, Lycoming, Sullivan, Bradford, Tioga, Bedford, Luzerne and Wyoming, and is undoubtedly the largest body of hemlock timber lands under single control in the United States. In addition to the hemlock stumpage upon these lands there is a large quantity of hardwoods and some pine.

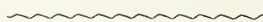
The chief executor and moving spirit in this great corporation is Charles Sumner Horton, whose wonderful energy and prodigious capacity for work and organization has evolved an enterprise that moves with the greatest precision. Mr. Horton keeps familiar with every detail of his great operations, and no matter is so small or apparently unimportant that he does not consider it worthy his attention.

In addition to his interests in this company, Mr. Horton is connected with various other concerns. He is a director of the United States Leather Company, is president of the several railroads controlled by this company, has investments in timber lands and several smaller industries, and is identified with the banking interests of Williamsport. His real estate holdings are extensive, and he had added materially to the architectural attractiveness of Williamsport by erecting several fine buildings. Mr. Horton is one of the most active members of the Williamsport Board of Trade, and is energetic in helping to forward any movement looking to the advancement or industrial development of the city of his adoption. Although a strong Republican, he holds aloof from active participation in political affairs.



Mr. Horton is particularly favored in his home life, and even pressing exigencies of business do not lessen the devotion of a large portion of his leisure time to his family. He married Miss Stella M. Jones, of Towanda, Pennsylvania, April 21, 1887, and they have been blessed with four children, Harriet Burr, Gifford Davidge, Charles Sumner, Jr., and Harry J. Horton. The family occupy a handsome residence in Williamsport.

Mr. Horton is a devotee of sport, being an expert automobilist and a great admirer of baseball. He is a Thirty-second degree Mason and Knight Templar, and is a member of the Ross and Howard Clubs, as well as the Haleeka Country Club. Although but forty-two years of age, Mr. Horton has crowded a great deal into his active and busy career. He is a man of strong constitution and powerful physique, and no matter what the requirements of the time may impose it is said that he was never known to tire. He is of a genial and affable temperament, and is a man whom it is a pleasure to know.



### JOHN EGLI.

John Egli, a prosperous lumber manufacturer and farmer of Muncy Creek township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1835, the son of Jacob and Catharine (Caseman) Egli. His father, Jacob Egli, was born in Switzerland in 1784, and was a weaver by trade. March 31, 1822, he emigrated to this country, settling in Shamokin township (now called Ralpho township), Northumberland county, Pennsylvania. He was engaged in driving a team from Sunbury to Pottsville, carrying grain down and store goods back. In religious belief, Mr. Egli was a Presbyterian. In 1830 he was married to Catharine Caseman,

and the following children were born to them: Frederick, August 11, 1832; John, January 2, 1835; Henry, March 26, 1837, died September 2, 1845; Elizabeth, born October 19, 1838; Daniel, March 4, 1841; Mr. Egli died in 1844, three years after the birth of his last child. John Egli's mother, Catharine (Caseman) Egli, was born in Berks county, August 9, 1813, a daughter of William F. Caseman. After the death of her husband, Jacob Egli, she married Gottleib Fogle, in 1849, in Fairfield township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, having by him one child named Mary, born February 27, 1850; she married Mart Schryner and now resides in Fairfield township. Mrs. Fogle's father, William F. Caseman, was one of the most remarkable citizens of Shamokin township. He was born in Nasa, Dilburn, Germany, June 8, 1760, and at the age of twelve years, with his sister and brother, emigrated to this country, landing at Philadelphia in 1772, when he was sold for his passage to George A. Sell, near Kutstown, Berks county, for seven years, for the debt of twelve pounds. At his death he held the agreement which says, that the said George Sell was bound to give him his board and lodging and apparel, and have him taught to read and write, and at the end of the term give him two suits of clothes, one of which must be new, besides twelve pounds of money. Soon after the expiration of his indenture, he came to Shamokin township and settled there. About 1815 he purchased a tract of land of about sixty acres, which he cleared up, and afterwards added to by subsequent purchases. He was an excellent farmer and a successful business man.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth Huntsinger, in Berks county, and they were the parents of Jacob, who died in Ohio; John; Joseph; Daniel; David; Lydia, who married John Pensyl; Catherine, who was twice married, first to Jacob Egli, and secondly, to Gottleib Fogle; Elizabeth, who married Leonard Pensyl. Up to within four years of his

death, Mr. Caseman continued to do his share of the farm work. He was one of the original members of St. Peter's Reformed church, of which he was elder and deacon for years. He died August 1, 1867, at the remarkable age of one hundred and seven years. He was buried in the old graveyard of St. Peter's Reformed church. His funeral service was preached from the following text selected by himself, "Is not my help in me, and is wisdom quite driven from me?" Job, Sixth Chapter, Thirteenth Verse. His wife and family died many years before him.

In 1840, John Egli moved with his parents from Shamokin to Fairfield township, his father having bought a farm in that place from a man named Ashton. There being no school in the township at that early date, his educational advantages were limited. After the death of his father, he was compelled, at the tender age of nine years and three months, to work on the farm to help make a living for the family. On the 4th of March, 1855, he started to learn the wagon-making trade at Hall's Station with Martin Keebler, and worked here two and a half years for sixty-five dollars (a trifle less than seven cents a day), and board and lodging; also earning about two dollars a week haymaking times, and fifty cents and a dollar a day for mowing and harvesting for Samuel Gundrum, Jacob Arnold and others, at Hall's Station. In the fall of 1860 Mr. Egli moved to Montoursville, and there purchased two lots on Washington street from S. C. Williams, where he built and constructed a wagon-making shop; also a house which he still holds in his possession, and where he carried on wagon-making for twenty-five years. In the spring of 1864 he purchased a boat called the "North Star," sailing this for one year, when it was lost in a flood. He built another boat at James Fuller's wharf, which he launched on the sixth of August, 1866, and kept this running for five years, when he sold it and purchased three

hundred and sixty-five acres of land on Bald Eagle Mountain, acting in a small way in the capacity of lumberman. In May, 1890, he bought a portable saw-mill, and built at Muncy, Pennsylvania. The mill was destroyed by fire, September, 1891. Ten days after this disaster, Mr. Egli set to work to rebuild the mill, which, with his valuable lumber, was destroyed in 1898 by the most devastating flood that was ever known in the Susquehanna river. Undaunted by the great losses he had sustained by fire and water, and being possessed of strong moral and physical courage, Mr. Egli immediately set himself to the onerous task of rebuilding, and is to-day in happy possession of a splendid saw-mill and valuable farming lands.

On the twenty-second day of March, 1860, Mr. Egli was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Fry, at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, by the Reverend Joshua Kelly. Miss Fry was a daughter of Jacob Fry and his wife, Lydia, who was a daughter of John Shoch, formerly of Berks county, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Egli were born the following children: Alice, November 9, 1860, married Thomas Castleberry, of Loyalsock township; William Frank, born May 4, 1865, married Lulu Banghart, East Muncy, and had three children; M. Jane, born April 4, 1869, married Richard George of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and had two children, both girls; J. Erving, born August 23, 1872, married Jane Brass, and had three children—two boys and a girl; Samuel C., born September 27, 1876, married in Carter county, Tennessee, and had one daughter; Clara, born May 30, 1879, married S. W. Lowman of New York city, and had one son and one daughter.

In political matters, Mr. Egli is a strong prohibitionist, although it is his custom to cast his vote for the man whom he considers best fitted for the position. Ten years after his marriage Mr. Egli and his wife

joined the Lutheran church in Montoursville. Mr. Egli served as a deacon of that church for nineteen years, when he moved to Muncy and became connected with the Lutheran church of that place.

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ROBERT RUSSEL McMICHAEL.

The borough of Muncy is the home of many energetic and prosperous business men, who have won for themselves both an enviable reputation and financial success, but none merit more praise, or are more highly esteemed, than Robert R. McMichael, a descendant of a Scotch-Irish lineage, who has been an active and influential factor in the building up and development of the varied industries of Muncy, where he has resided since 1850, a period of five and a half decades.

William McMichael (grandfather) was a native of Scotland, from whence he migrated to this country in 1792, accompanied by his wife and several children. He located in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, where he followed the occupations of farmer and distiller, thereby being enabled to provide a comfortable home for his family, which consisted of his wife, Elizabeth Wilson, and seven children: Euphemia, Elizabeth, Eleanor, Margaret, James, William, and John. Mr. McMichael was a Presbyterian in religion, and a Republican in politics. He and his wife died at their home in Columbia county, and their remains are interred there.

William MacMichael, or McMichael as he spelled it (father), was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1797. He was reared on a farm and therefore was familiar with all the details of farming, which line of work he followed in Columbia county for about twenty years. In 1847 he removed to Lycoming county, and in 1850 came to Muncy and purchased a farm, which he cultivated and improved, and



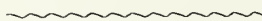
whereon he resided for the remainder of his days. He was an energetic, capable man, faithful and conscientious in the performance of all the duties of life, held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, and was a staunch advocate of the principles of the Whig and Republican parties. He married Sarah Richart, who was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Mr. Richart, a school teacher, and a representative of a family of Irish extraction. Their children were as follows: Emily, who became the wife of Aaron MacMichael, and died in 1904. Malinda, who became the wife of John MacDiarmid, and died in 1903. Elizabeth J., wife of Robert Robb, of Muncy. George H., died in 1898, was a life-long resident of Muncy. Robert Russel, mentioned hereinafter. Margaret E., died in 1854, aged fourteen years. The deaths of Mr. and Mrs. McMichael occurred November 11, 1867, and September 9, 1873, respectively.

Robert Russel McMichael was born in Greenwood township, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1837. When two years of age his parents removed to a farm near Berwick, where he resided until eight years of age, the following year was spent in Greenwood township, from whence they removed to a farm in Blackhole Valley in 1847, and after a residence of three years there they purchased a farm in Muncy, where Robert R. has made his home ever since. He attended the district schools in Columbia county, and the Guide school house, in Muncy, thus obtaining a practical education. He then turned his attention to farming, and in connection with this pursuit, in which he has been remarkably successful, he has erected and sold twenty houses, and has partitioned off into building lots about fourteen acres of land in Muncy, which he also disposed of at an advantageous figure. By following the carpenter trade, which he never learned, but which he "picked up," he not only realized a goodly profit for himself, but also gave em-



ployment to many hands, thus being of benefit to a number of people. He is a progressive, energetic and respected citizen, and justly merits the confidence and respect of his fellow men, which he enjoys to an unusual degree. He is a member of the Presbyterian church. He is a Republican in politics, and has aided by his vote every Republican nominee since the election of Abraham Lincoln, including that great and grand man.

Mr. McMichael married, December 26, 1866, Ella Robbins, daughter of Abram B. and Abigail (Vail) Robbins. No children have been born of this union.



#### AMBROSE HENDERSON.

Among the leading business men of Montgomery, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, who have contributed in a large measure to its growth and development, may be mentioned the name of Ambrose Henderson, son of Samuel and Nancy (Barber) Henderson, who was born in White Deer township, Lycoming county, March sixteenth, 1831. His educational advantages were acquired in the common schools in the neighborhood of his home, and when his age and strength permitted, devoted his time to farming, following this occupation with a degree of success for a number of years. Several years subsequent to his marriage, Mr. Henderson went to the oil country, believing that he there would better his financial condition, but on the contrary he lost all that he possessed, and after a residence of one year there returned to Montgomery. He engaged in the distilling business, which he followed for three years, before he went to the oil field, after which he turned his distillery into a planing mill, and then began the manufacture of doors, sashes and blinds, operating the same up to the present time (1905). During his many years'

connection with this line of work, he has suffered severe losses by two fires and one explosion, but notwithstanding this he has been enabled to provide comfortably for his family, and accumulate a competence for his declining years.

On March 2, 1859, Mr. Henderson married Cornelia Burrows. The first six years of their married life were spent in Union county, near White Deer Mills, and then lived four years at White Deer Mills, after which they removed to their present residence, in Montgomery, Lycoming county. The following named children were born to them: Elizabeth B., born February 22, 1860, resides at home. Samuel B., born April 27, 1862, married Jennie Wells, of Bloomsburg, and they and their family of four children—Harold B., Joseph W., Laurence A. and Blanche E.—reside in Montgomery. May D., born November 5, 1864, who became the wife of the Rev. George L. Van Alen, and they and their three children—Oakley H., Ambrose H., and Cornelia B.—reside at Haddonfield, New Jersey. Gertrude, born November 11, 1867, resides at home. Blanche, born September 28, 1869, resides at home. Charles B., born September 28, 1873, resides at home. Adeline S., born June 26, 1879, died March 3, 1881.

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#### JOHN HESS.

John Hess, a retired agriculturist and esteemed citizen of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, where he has resided since 1890, is a native of Lycoming county, born August 12, 1830, a son of Jacob and Hannah (Knorr) Hess, who were the parents of six sons and three daughters, as follows: Abbie, Reuben, Peter, Samuel, Joseph, Elizabeth, Susan, Frederick and John. Jacob Hess (father) was a wagon-maker by trade, and carried on that business in connection with farming. During the

early years of his life he was a resident of Berks county, from whence he removed to Columbia, and in 1817 to Lycoming. He died May 5, 1843, and his widow passed away in 1848.

John Hess attended the common schools in the vicinity of his home, and after laying aside his books served an apprenticeship at the trade of carpenter, at which he worked for five years. He then turned his attention to farming, which proved both pleasant and remunerative, his operations being conducted on a tract of arable land, and this line of work he followed for twenty-six years. In 1890 he settled in Montgomery, and for twelve consecutive years has served in the capacity of tax collector, performing the duties to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. He casts his vote with the Democratic party, to which organization he gave his allegiance upon attaining his majority.

On May 13, 1852, Mr. Hess married Settena Gross, who was born in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, February 23, 1833, and their children are as follows: Charles L., born May 6, 1853, married Laura Delany, and their children are: Alice S., born January 13, 1880, and John B., born June 2, 1887; they reside in Williamsport and he follows the trade of machinist. Jennie E., born February 4, 1862, became the wife of John W. Erlenmeyer, of Freeburg, Snyder county, Pennsylvania, and their children are: Edna L., born February 19, 1886; Dean Hess, born April 23, 1888; and John A., born September 10, 1889. Harry R., born October 25, 1866, married Lulu Baird, of Milton, and their children are: Mava S., born December 5, 1897, and J. Myron, a twin of Mava S.; the family reside in Philadelphia, where Mr. Hess is engaged as druggist. Herbert M., born November 21, 1871, married La Riene Cotner, and their children are: Allan H. and J. Delwin; they reside at Williamsport, and Mr. Hess is filling the office of bookkeeper for the American Wood Working and Machine Company.

Mr. Hess has been a member of the Odd Fellow fraternity for more than fifty years. Mr. and Mrs. Hess are members of the Lutheran church; at first he belonged to the Reformed church.

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LUKE EGER.

Luke Eger, who was a highly respected citizen of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, was born October 16, 1824, in Brickaflinholezollen, a son of Philip and Frances Eger. He was reared and educated in his native country, remaining there until 1850, when he set sail for the new world, and after a long and tedious voyage arrived in New York city, shortly afterward settling in Cambria county, Pennsylvania. During his eight years' residence in that section of the state, he was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad, his duties being discharged in a faithful and conscientious manner. In 1858 he took up his residence in Clinton township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he resided until his death, which occurred November 14, 1890, gaining for himself a reputation for integrity and trustworthiness.

In 1859 Mr. Eger married Hannah Porter, who was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1834, and from that time to the present (1905), a period of forty-six years, has resided in the same house. Their children are: Rachel, born January 8, 1860, is unmarried and resides at home. Kathryn, born May 23, 1861. Nancy J., born March 27, 1863, became the wife of Dr. A. W. Smith, and they are the parents of one child, Elmer Smith; the family reside at Scranton. Robert P., born February 27, 1865, resides with his parents and farms on the old homestead. Charlotte, born July 12, 1867, became the wife of John Elliott, and their children are: Robert E. and John S. Elliott; they reside at Baltimore, Maryland, and Mr. Elliott is supervisor of the

Pennsylvania Division. Edward F., born April 7, 1869, died November 10, 1890. Frances, born September 7, 1871, became the wife of William Thomas, no issue; they reside in Belington, West Virginia, and Mr. Thomas is employed as station agent at the West Virginia Central. Mr. Eger was a Democrat and with his family attended the Methodist church.

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GEORGE DECKER.

The Decker family, worthily represented in the present generation by George Decker, a contractor and builder, also proprietor of a general store in Montgomery, Pennsylvania, was founded in this country by Alexander Decker, who emigrated with his wife, Elizabeth (Herman) Decker, and children from Germany in 1834, locating in what is now known as Mosquito valley, Armstrong township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. Alexander Decker died in March, 1878, having survived his wife several years, her death occurring in 1874. They were members of the Lutheran church.

Henry Decker, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Herman) Decker, was born in Wittenberg, Germany, April 11, 1833, and the following year was brought to this country by his parents. In early life he located on a farm in Clinton township, which he cultivated to a high state of perfection, and in addition to this occupation was a noted builder, being the owner of a number of dwelling houses which he sold on easy terms, the tenants paying for the same by monthly installments. Mr. Decker took an active part in political affairs, serving in the capacity of school director, supervisor and assessor, and he frequently served as delegate to county conventions. His affiliations were with the Democratic party. On May 3, 1855, he was married to Mary Herr, and the following named children were born to them: Henry, Rosanna, Catherine, Alexander, William, George, Mary, John, Frank, Edward, Albert and Isaac.



George Decker, fourth son of Henry and Mary (Herr) Decker, was born in Clinton township, July 9, 1863. After completing a common school education, he worked on the homestead farm until he was twenty-five years of age. He then went to Montgomery to superintend the building operations conducted by his father there, was employed in that way for several years, and in 1897 established a general store, which he has since conducted, in addition to carrying on an extensive contracting and building business. He has achieved success in his undertakings, and is recognized throughout the community as a man of honor and probity. In 1893 Mr. Decker married Elizabeth Hess, who was born October 18, 1867, a daughter of Jeremiah and Julia (Steck) Hess, whose marriage occurred in 1859, and whose children were as follows: Frederick, William, Mary, Elizabeth, Fannie, Ralph, Carrie and Harry Hess. Jeremiah Hess was born in Mifflinville, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, in 1832. Four children were the issue of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Decker, namely: Geneva, born July 16, 1894; Julia, born October 3, 1895; Hess, born July 13, 1898; and Frederick, born July 8, 1901.

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WILLIAM ADAMS, M. D.

Among the many professions in which men engage, none is of more importance than that of medicine, of which William Adams has been for many years a leading representative. He was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, March 2, 1828, a son of Peter and Susan (Beidelman) Adams. After acquiring a liberal literary education he matriculated at the Philadelphia Medical College, from which he was graduated with the degree of doctor of medicine in the year 1859. He began the practice of his profession at Salona, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, continuing the same for twelve years, after which he changed his place



of residence to Clinton township, where he now (1904) resides. He has always enjoyed a good practice, was a close and earnest student, and thus kept abreast with the progress in medical science.

In 1860 Dr. Adams married Elvina Best, daughter of John and Catherine (Schaeffer) Best, and the issue of this union was the following named children: Catharine, born December 24, 1861; John H., born November 28, 1862; Peter B., born April 22, 1864, died January 30, 1866; Lewis, born November 28, 1865, married Matilda Lilley, and they are the parents of one child, William Adams; they reside on a farm in Clinton township; Sarah H., born November 11, 1867, died March 23, 1903; Charles, born November 3, 1869, married Ida Bartholomew, resides at Freeport, Illinois, and is a machinist by trade; Altha, born April 24, 1873; Matilda, born December 24, 1874; and Arthur, born March 11, 1880. The mother of these children died March 5, 1885. Dr. Adams married for his second wife, in 1891, Catharine App, daughter of Matthias and Crusella (Lemon) App, who resided all their lives one mile above Muncy station. Matthias App was born July 18, 1816.

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#### ROBERT BROWNLEE.

Robert Brownlee, of Ralston, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, is an excellent example of that class of practical coal miners who had their training in some of the oldest and most famous collieries of Great Britain, after the very thorough manner observed in that country, and whose knowledge and experience were utilized in early coal mining in Pennsylvania, to the vast advantage of that great industry. His ancestral history is also honorable and of unusual interest.

He comes of Scotch forbears, who in the paternal line were originally of French extraction. The family name first appears in the form



*Ed Brownlee*



of Braunleur, meaning "Brown Lion," and his ancestors were Huguenots who, to escape persecution visited upon them because of their religion, took refuge in Scotland. There the head of the family became the Earl of Torfoot. The coat-of-arms of the Brownlees (to which form the original name of Braunleur was changed) is a peacock with tail outspread, upon a shield supported by two lions rampant. These facts are derived from Archie Graham Brownlee, a civil engineer located in Chicago, Illinois, who obtained them from Dr. J. C. Neal, of Stillwater, Oklahoma, whose mother was a Brownlee. Dr. Neal spent more than twenty years tracing the history of the family, visiting Scotland three times for that purpose, and dying (in 1900) just on the eve of completing for the press a volume entitled "The Brownlees in America." His laborious work was accomplished while he was in charge of the United States Agricultural College at Stillwater, a position to which he was called on account of his high scientific attainments.

Robert Brownlee was born March 24, 1844, in Carranbrae, Lanarkshire, Scotland, son of James and Agnes (Tennent) Baird. The paternal grandfather, also named James, was a grocer in Glasgow. James Brownlee, his father, married Agnes Baird, daughter of Robert and Isabella (Tennent) Baird. Robert Baird, son of John and Agnes (Bryson) Baird, a widower with a large family, married Isabella Tennent. She was a daughter of David Tennent and Agnes Horn, whose people were flour and meal millers near Bowling, Renfrewshire, Scotland. David Tennent was one of three orphan lads who came from England to Scotland in search of work; one took employment in a chemical works, another in a brewery, and David (whose daughter Isabella was grandmother of Robert Brownlee) worked a windlass at a coal pit. The other two Tennents were reported to be the heads of the secret chemical works at St. Rollox, and of Wellshot brewery, respectively.

Robert and Isabella (Tennent) Baird's children were: Agnes and David, twins, the former dying when about five years old, and the latter when about eighteen years of age; William, married Isabella Lighton; Dougald, married Jean Meikle; Andrew, married Margaret Cummings; Agnes, married James Brownlee; Isabella, married George Beveridge. All the sons in this family, except Andrew, who was a school teacher for more than fifty years, were mine managers. All are now deceased, having left sons and daughters.

James and Agnes (Baird) Brownlee were the parents of four children: The first died in infancy; 2, Robert is to be written of hereinafter; 3, James came to the United States with his brother Robert, and is now coal inspector for the Red Run Coal Company at Ralston, Pennsylvania; in 1870 he married Charlotte Jenkins, of Fallbrook, Pennsylvania; no children; 4, Isabella married William Logan in Scotland; they came to Antrim, Tioga county, from where they moved to Horatio, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania; William Logan was killed by a fall of coal; his widow, who bore him a large family, resides in Delmar township, Tioga county, Pennsylvania.

Robert Brownlee, second child of James and Agnes (Baird) Brownlee, was left an orphan in early childhood, his father and mother both dying from Asiatic cholera, and being buried together the same day, January 13, 1849. He was taken into the home of his uncle Andrew, with whom he remained until he was twelve years of age, meantime receiving thorough instruction in the rudimental English branches. At that early age he came under the charge of another uncle who was a mine superintendent, and who trained him to an intimate practical knowledge of mine work and management, conducting him through its various stages and departments, until he was amply equipped to enter upon an independent career, in which he was to occupy nearly every position

from the lowest to the highest. On attaining his majority he was made fire boss in one of the largest mines in Scotland, from which he was advanced to the position of mine foreman, and in which he served with credit to himself, and entire acceptability to his employers until he resigned in order to engage himself more independently. He entered upon business as a mining contractor, and achieved a high degree of success, yet not sufficient to satisfy his enterprising spirit.

In 1868, when twenty-four years old, he emigrated to the United States, locating in Fallbrook, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he performed his first coal mining in America. After a short time he removed to Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, where he obtained a practical experience in anthracite coal mining which served him to excellent purpose at no late day. During the great strike of 1873 he laid aside all connection with mining, and engaged in farming, but this soon proved uncongenial, and he spent some time, and quite successfully, prospecting for coal between Wilson and Stony Fork creeks, in Morris township, Tioga county, and in Pine township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. He erected the first plant for making glass sand from the native rock at a point which became the site of the village of Brownlee, and was named in his honor. He was subsequently called to the superintendency of the mines of the Red Run Coal Company at Redburn, in the last named county, and opened and successfully operated the same for a period of six years. In 1897 he resigned in order to accept appointment by the governor as chief of the Bureau of Mines, a department under the state government which was organized under an act of the legislature passed in the previous year, and he being the first incumbent of the office of chief under its provisions. His term of office covered a period of two years, and was crowded with duties and responsibilities of the gravest character. Upon him came the burden of organ-



ization of his department, in order to make it effective, and to this was added the labor of overseeing the operations of a mass of law, prescribing the duties and obligations of both operators and laborers in the coal mines, and collating and tabulating everything with reference to this great industry which was required for the information of the executive and legislative departments of the state government, and when he came to retire from his position, his bureau was in such admirable condition that the task of his successor was comparatively light. During his incumbency of the office he was, out of regard for his official position, and because of his masterly knowledge of mining in its every department, appointed by Governor Hastings delegate-at-large to represent the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the international mining congress held in Salt Lake City, Utah, in June, 1898.

On retiring from the head of the Bureau of Mines, Mr. Brownlee (in June, 1899), accompanied by his wife, made a visit to Scotland after an absence of thirty-two years. An interesting incident of his stay in his native land was his investigation of his maternal ancestry, with the result as appears in the opening paragraphs of this narrative. On his return home, Mr. Brownlee made endeavor to develop coal lands near Ralston, but was unsuccessful. Since that time he has lived retired from the pursuits which engaged his effort during so large a portion of his life, and in which he had contributed in no small degree to bringing the coal interests of Pennsylvania to their present magnitude and commercial importance. He has at the same time, through the favor of his neighbors, who hold him in high esteem and confidence, been called to various positions in which he has found congenial and useful occupation. In February, 1901, he was elected treasurer of McIntyre township, and served in that capacity for one year. In February, 1903, he was elected tax collector for a term of three years, and in

1900 was elected justice of the peace for a period of five years and in 1905 re-elected to serve five more years. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and his political affiliations are with the Republican party, of whose principles and policies he is an earnest and influential exponent. He is a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, affiliated with Canton Lodge, and the Scottish Rite bodies of Williamsport, and is also a Noble of Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. In October, 1868, he became a member of Arbor Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Blossburg, Pennsylvania, from which he and others later withdrew in order to found Lodge No. 564, at Stony Fork, in which he still holds membership, and in which he has passed all the chairs. In all these various bodies, as well as in the community at large, he is held in deservedly high esteem for his excellence of character, usefulness as a citizen, and admirable personal traits.

Mr. Brownlee married, in Scotland, Miss Mary Lewis, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Auld) Lewis, of Irvin, Ayrshire, near the home of Auld Scottish poet, Robert Burns, loved by lovers of home and nature the wide world over. Of this marriage were born seven children. The five now living are occupying useful stations in life. They are:

1. James L., born in 1865. He was educated at Oberlin (Ohio) College, and is an electrician in Heilwood, Indiana county, Pennsylvania. He married Susan, daughter of William and Sarah (Stull) Malay, and they are the parents of three children, Sarah, Robert and Donald, respectively, aged eleven years, eight years, and seven months.
2. Janet, died in infancy.
3. Janet M., died at the age of two years.
4. Robert B., born in 1870, who is weighmaster for the Red Run Coal Company.

he also took instruction at intervals in the Normal School. October 8, 1880, he married Miss Hannah M. Heilman, a daughter of Joseph Heilman, a farmer and old resident in the Blackhole Valley, whose parents had come to the region when it was in primeval wildness. After his marriage Mr. Shollenberger taught school for one or two terms, and then took up the study of the trade of a machinist in the machine shop of Levi Houston. In 1882 he took a course of instruction in the Williamsport Commercial College, and then entered the office of Mr. Houston in the capacity of bookkeeper, from which he was advanced in turn to that of corresponding secretary and confidential clerk in charge of the office. For some time prior to the death of Mr. Houston (July 27, 1892) Mr. Shollenberger had, practically, charge of all that gentleman's large interests, comprising a planing-mill, machine shops, general store and farming interests, and he was continued in charge of them as manager, after Mr. Houston's death, by the executor of the estate. In 1897 the planing mill was disposed of, and Mr. Shollenberger organized the Keystone Door and Sash Company, in which he took a considerable share of the stock and became secretary and treasurer. The machinery business and planing-mill plant were ultimately acquired by the American Wood Working Machinery Company, in which Mr. Shollenberger became a stockholder, and was continued in charge of his original enterprise, which is now operated as the Levi Houston Branch of the great absorbing corporation previously named.

Besides giving his attention closely to the business above referred to, and which development was due in large degree to his effort, Mr. Shollenberger has in other ways accomplished much for the advancement of the commercial and financial interests of his region. He was instrumental in organizing the Montgomery Electric Light and Power Company, and is a member of its board of directors, and the secretary and

treasurer of that body. He is a member of the directorate of the First National Bank, and is interested in the Montgomery Door and Sash Company. He is deeply interested in educational affairs, and has long rendered efficient service as a member of the school board. With his family, he holds membership in the church of his forefathers, the Lutheran, and is now, and has been for the past five years, statistical secretary of the Luther League of Pennsylvania. His political affiliations are with the Republican party, of whose principles and policies, particularly with reference to finance, commerce and manufacturing, he is an earnest and intelligent advocate. He is a member of Muncy Lodge No. 399, F. and A. M.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shollenberger were born three children. Their son, Edmund Kennard, is draftsman and designer in the machine works under the charge of his father. The eldest daughter, Martha, is a student in the Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, and the youngest daughter, Alma, in the high school in Montgomery. The firstborn child of Mr. and Mrs. Shollenberger died in childhood.

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#### ALEXANDER DECKER.

Alexander Decker, an active and prosperous business man of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, whose integrity and reliable methods have been the chief factors in the success which has attended his well-directed efforts, was born in Clinton township, Lycoming county, May 27, 1860.

Alexander Decker, grandfather of Alexander Decker, was a native of Germany, and in 1834, accompanied by his wife, Elizabeth (Herman) Decker, and family, emigrated to the United States, locating in what is now known as Mosquito valley, Armstrong township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, being one of the first settlers of that section. They were

members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Decker died in March, 1878, and his wife in 1874.

Henry Decker, father of Alexander Decker, was born in Wittenberg, Germany, April 11, 1833. His active career had been devoted to farming and building, conducting the former on an extensive and productive tract of land, and the latter in Clinton township and the borough of Montgomery. He erected a number of dwelling houses, which he leased at a nominal rent in order to enable the occupants to purchase the same on easy terms. He was the incumbent of a number of political offices, and served as delegate to county conventions. He was a member and deacon in the Lutheran church in Brady township, and a Democrat in politics. Mr. Decker married, May 3, 1855, Mary Herr, and twelve children were born to them, namely: Henry, Rosanna, Catherine, Alexander, William, George, Mary, John, Frank, Edward, Albert and Isaac.

Alexander Decker acquired a practical education in the common schools of Lycoming county, completing his studies at the age of sixteen, and his first experience was gained in the grocery business in Williamsport, where he was a member of the firm of Decker and Stull for a period of two years. He then turned his attention to farming and the operation of a creamery, conducted the same successfully for ten years, and at the expiration of that period of time engaged in the lumbering and butchering business, in which he is engaged at the present time (1905). Mr. Decker was united in marriage to Rosa Hartranft, who was born October 31, 1863, a daughter of George and Katherine (Fausel) Hartranft, who were the parents of eight other children, namely: Lizzie, Philip, Hannah, Rosa, Edward, Ettie, George and Elmer Hartranft. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Decker are as follows: Raymond, born April 25, 1885; Mina F., born October 3, 1887; Rachel, born February 22, 1890; Paul, born July 7, 1892; and Harold, born May 6, 1895.



## DAVID JARRET.

Among the practical and progressive agriculturists of Montgomery, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, may be mentioned the name of David Jarret, who was born December 30, 1854, a son of Solomon and Christine (Roller) Jarret, and a descendant of an English and German ancestry. David Jarret attended the common schools of his neighborhood until he was eighteen years of age, in the meantime assisting with the labors of the homestead, and thereby gaining a practical knowledge of the work whereby he intended to gain his livelihood. The entire appearance of his property, which is one of the best in that vicinity, denotes the supervision of a master hand, and his products, being of the best quality, find a ready market in the nearby towns.

In 1878 Mr. Jarret was married to Sarah Hulsizer, they taking up their residence in the house in which he was born, and here they reared the following named children: Erskine, born January 30, 1879; Raymond, born April 29, 1882; William, born January 12, 1884; Ross, born May 9, 1885; Blanche, born February 18, 1888, and Erlhen, born November 3, 1892. The parents of Mrs. Jarret are William and Catherine (Glass) Hulsizer, the former named born September 28, 1828, and the latter December 5, 1832, and their family consisted of six children, as follows: Charles, Anna, Sarah, Mary, John and Joseph Hulsizer.

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JOHN JOHNSON.

John Johnson, a venerable and representative citizen of Clinton township, Montgomery, Pennsylvania, where he has resided since 1864, a period of forty years, was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1833, a son of John and Catherine (Gibbons) Johnson,



the former named having been brought to this country from England in 1800, when six months old, by his parents, who settled in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, where they resided until their deaths.

John Johnson, our subject, received a good common school education, completing his studies at the age of seventeen, and he began to earn his own living by working at boating, which occupation he followed for thirteen years. He then engaged in railroading, continuing the same for forty-two years, during which time he was employed as track foreman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and at the same time he conducted agricultural pursuits. As a citizen he is public-spirited and progressive, and has done much for the upbuilding and development of the best interests of the community. In 1860 Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Emeline Boyer, who was born in 1839, a daughter of Frederick and Ellen Boyer. The first four years of their married life were spent in Northumberland county, after which they removed to Clinton township, Montgomery. Their children were: Wellington B., born January 26, 1861; Harvey W., born September 12, 1862; Anna Elmira, born December 14, 1864; and Emma Gertrude, born September 29, 1870; and Freddy, born January 18, 1874, and died July 23, 1874. The mother of these children died May 5, 1874. In 1876 Mr. Johnson married Sarah Bruner, who bore him two children: Howard G., born January 12, 1878, and Abel, born April 21, 1880.

In 1904 Mr. and Mrs. Johnson took a trip to Michigan in order to pay a visit to his brother, William Johnson, and her half-brother, James McGinnes, remaining five weeks, and then returned in safety to their home in Montgomery, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Johnson is a Republican, and all are Methodists.

## DANIEL GROSS.

Daniel Gross, of Montgomery, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, who, during his residence here, has firmly established himself in the confidence of his fellow-citizens, was born June 14, 1843, in Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, a son of Daniel and Susan (App) Gross. Daniel Gross attended the common schools adjacent to his home until eighteen years of age, and then went to learn the trade of coach painting. After serving about six months the Civil war broke out, and he enlisted his services in Company G, One Hundred and Forty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, with which he remained two years and nine months, during which period he displayed the utmost courage and bravery, participating in all the battles and engagements. Upon his return to civil life he located in Snyder county, Pennsylvania, from whence he subsequently moved to Montgomery, Lycoming county. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic.

He was united in marriage to Lydia Wagner, of Snyder county, Pennsylvania, who bore him the following named children: Edwin, born July 17, 1867, is now employed as railroad weighmaster; he married Susan Rank, of Muncy, but now resides in Lockhaven. Minnie, born December 28, 1870, became the wife of Harry App, and they and their child—Edwin—reside at Picture Rocks. William W., born October 22, 1873, married Carrie Hess, who bore him three children—Donald, Catherine and Elmer; they reside at Hanover, Pennsylvania. Luther W., born March 18, 1876, is a Lutheran minister, married Myrtle Moon and they reside at Hampstead, Maryland. Annie, born March 24, 1877, became the wife of Clayton Heilman, issue, Paul A., and they reside in the valley. Susan A., born February 1, 1880, unmarried. Daniel O., born September 7, 1882, resides at home, and is employed in the office

of the railroad. The mother of these children died May 31, 1898. Mr. Gross chose for his second wife, Lizzie App, daughter of Mathias and Crusella (Lemon) App, and their children are as follows: Elmer, William, Emily, Mary C., Albert, Edward, Elizabeth and John L.



#### HERVEY SMITH.

Hervey Smith, president of the First National Bank of Montgomery, and otherwise prominently identified with the financial and commercial interests of the town and county, is of a German ancestry of long establishment in Pennsylvania. His paternal grandfather, John Smith, emigrated from Germany when a young man, and settled in Muncy, Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Center county, where he died about 1856. He was a weaver by occupation. He married Saloma Treon, and their children were: 1. Charles, who became a physician and practiced near Lockhaven, in Clinton county, where he died. 2. Ezekiel, to be further mentioned hereinafter. 3. Peter, who was also a physician, practicing in Center hall, Center county, where he died. 4. Mary (deceased), who married Jacob B. Herbst, a farmer near Muncy Station. 5. Levina (deceased), who became the wife of James Smeck, a farmer near Montgomery. 6. George, who was a farmer near Montgomery, where he died.

Ezekiel, second son and child of John and Saloma (Treon) Smith, was born in Muncy, in January, 1816, and died there in September, 1895. He served an apprenticeship to a tailor, and followed that calling near Montgomery for seventeen years, when he retired to a farm near Muncy Station. He married Catherine Metzger, who was born in 1819, in Clinton township, near Muncy Station, where she died in 1893, two years before the death of her husband. She was a daughter of George

and Susan (Deitrick) Metzger. Her father was the son of a German immigrant, and was born in the southern part of Pennsylvania. To Ezekiel and Catherine Smith were born the following children: 1. Harriet, married Percival Weigle, in South Williamsport, where they reside. 2. Caroline, married Samuel Bastian, and they reside in South Williamsport. 3. Ellen, married J. B. Dershem, and they reside in Union county. 4. Hervey, to be further referred to hereinafter. 5. Sarah, married J. J. Ranck, and they reside in Union county. 6. Susan, married John App, and resided in South Williamsport, where she died. 7. Anna, married Pierson App, and they reside near Muncy Station. The family were Lutherans in religion, and Mr. Smith was a Democrat in politics.

Hervey Smith, fourth child and eldest son of Ezekiel and Catherine (Metzger) Smith, was born in the suburbs of Montgomery, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, February 10, 1850. He began his education in the public schools in Muncy, and attended schools in Union county, leaving with such ample preparation that he was called to school room work as a teacher, a calling which he successfully followed for three years in the last named county. He then engaged in various occupations—conducting a farm, and also dealing in grain, and for a number of years handling practically the entire product of the region tributary to Montgomery. He was at the same time extending his activities into other fields, and was just entering upon a career of wider usefulness and greater prominence. In 1888 he had become a member of the board of directors of the West Branch Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and he had shown such ability and wise judgment in connection therewith that on January 1, 1895, he was elected vice-president and acting president. From time to time he had been elected to various local offices, and in the autumn of 1896 he was elected county commissioner, and served

most efficiently as such during a three-year term. He aided in the organization of the First National Bank of Montgomery, which was effected November 26, 1900, when he was called to the presidency of the institution, a position which he has occupied with entire acceptability to the present time, and much of the credit is due him for the safe and prudent management which has characterized the administration of its affairs. In 1905 he aided in the organization of the Penn Manufacturing Company, of which he was made president at the initial meeting of the directorate. The company are manufacturers of sideboards, with a capital of forty-three thousand dollars, and have already built up an extensive business. April 1, 1895, Mr. Smith erected his beautiful residence in Montgomery, which he at once made his abode, and since that time his attention has been altogether directed to the large business enterprises with which he is so prominently identified. His business abilities are of a high order, and he is widely recognized as a most useful and public-spirited citizen, and of unsullied integrity. With his family, he holds membership in the Lutheran church, and he is a Democrat in politics.

In December, 1871, Mr. Smith married Miss Catherine Walter, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Wolf) Walter. She was born in Snyder county, but was reared and educated in Union county, whither her parents removed during her infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born four children. Walter E. died September, 1879, aged seven years; all of the living ones have entered upon useful and honorable stations in life. Elizabeth is the wife of J. R. Glass, a prominent lumber manufacturer and dealer of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and to them was born a daughter, Catherine. Minnie, third child, is the wife of E. G. Hartranft, a shipper in the Montgomery Table Works; they are



the parents of one child, Elizabeth. The only son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, William A. Smith, is manager of the Penn Manufacturing Company of Montgomery, of which his father is president; he is unmarried.

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### JOHN P. WERTMAN.

In Clinton county, Pennsylvania, lies a pleasant and finely tilled farm, which has been the property of John P. Wertman since 1900, and on which he now resides. He was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1857, a son of Isaac H. and Rachel (Brobst) Wertman, the former named having been a native of the same county, the year of his birth being 1835. John P. was their only child.

John P. Wertman, like all the farmer boys, pursued his studies in the common schools of the neighborhood. When starting out in life for himself, he chose the quiet but useful calling of agriculture, which he followed for the long period of nineteen years in Northumberland county, after which he disposed of his property there and came to Clinton township, Lycoming county, purchasing the A. R. Glaze farm in 1900, which he has since cultivated and improved to a high state of perfection. He has led an honorable and upright life, which has won for him the regard and good will of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. In politics he adheres to the principles of the Democratic party.

On January 27, 1881, Mr. Wertman married Anna M. Bastian, born October 5, 1857, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Shafer) Bastian, who were the parents of five other children, as follows: Maria E., born August 7, 1851; William S., born in 1853; Benjamin H., born in 1855; Samuel A., born in 1859; and John W., born in 1861. Four children were the issue of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wertman, namely:



Rachel E., born December 10, 1881; Mary A., born February 7, 1883, became the wife of Reuben Fordsman, and resides at Watsontown; Fannie L., born July 15, 1884; and William L., born August 1, 1886.

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VICTOR PIOLETTE CHAAPEL, M. D.

Dr. Victor P. Chaapel, of Newberry, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, who has gained an extensive and lucrative practice through his skill and ability along the line of medicine and surgery, traces his ancestry to George Chaapel, who came to the new world from London, England, in the ship "Christian," in the year 1635, when he was twenty years old, accompanied by his wife Margaret, and settled in New London, Connecticut, where so many of his descendants reside at the present time. They were the parents of three children: Mary, Rachel and John. Some members of the family moved to Berkshire county, Massachusetts, in 1760.

Isaac Chaapel, great-grandfather of Dr. Chaapel, was born in Sandisfield, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, February 28, 1761, midway between the Hudson and Connecticut rivers. He came with his wife, Tomassin Wilcox Chaapel, and four children to Towanda (then Meansville), Bradford county (then Luzerne), Pennsylvania, in March, 1800. He erected a log house on the bank of a little brook near where the Episcopal church now stands, residing there two years. He then moved his family to a farm in Le Roy, the journey being performed with sleds and an ox team, most of the way being through a dense wilderness. Isaac Chaapel was known as "Captain" in his native town of Massachusetts, and the supposition is that he enlisted in the Revolutionary war when fifteen years of age, serving during the whole seven years' conflict for freedom. In 1804 he was assessed in Burlington township



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(now Le Roy) with forty-eight acres of land, two improved, one house at fifteen dollars, one horse, two oxen and one cow. He was commissioned a justice of the peace for Burlington and Wysox townships (then Luzerne county) by Thomas McKean, then governor of Pennsylvania. The commission was dated November 20, 1804, and was to continue during good behavior or as long as he lived, as was the custom of those times. He held the commission and fulfilled the duties of office until his death, May 1, 1817, at the age of fifty-six years.

Chauncey Chaapel, grandfather of Dr. Chaapel, was united in marriage to Lury Crofut, and among the children born of this union was a son, Franklin Chaapel, father of Dr. Chaapel, who married Mahala Wheelan, and their children were as follows: Van Amberg, unmarried. Lura, who became the wife of J. R. Calvert, and their children are: Frank and Charles (twins), Eugene, Preston, Lizzie and Hattie Calvert. Lucy, who became the wife of Warren G. Winner, and their children are: Cora, Herman and Alice Winner; Mrs. Winner is now deceased. Chauncey, who married Emma Folk, and their children are: Emerson, Harry and Anson Chaapel. Victor Piolette, mentioned at length hereinafter. William L., who married Mary Plank, and their children are: Earl, Mary, Anice, Mahlon, Bryan, Van Amberg and Elezabeth T.

Victor P. Chaapel was born in Le Roy, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1865. He received his early education in the public schools and then pursued a course of advanced studies in the Muncy Normal School in Lycoming county, after which he taught in the public schools of the county seven years. He matriculated in the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Maryland, from which he was graduated with the class of 1892. He then took a post-graduate course in the New York Polyclinic College during the winter of 1896-7. He

first located in Irvona, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery, but after a period of four years and three months removed to Newberry, Lycoming county, and since then has been one of the leading physicians of the city of Williamsport. He has been a member of the Lycoming County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Association and the American Association since 1893, and is also a member of the board of directors of the Bank of Newberry, Pennsylvania. In political affairs he has always been an adherent of the principles of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Dr. Chaapel married Jennie Campbell, eldest child of John L. and Matilda (Black) Campbell, whose family consisted of five other children, as follows: Sarah, wife of Dr. J. R. Robinson and mother of two children, Mary and Lula; William, who married Myrtle Stierchstr, no issue; Katherine, who married John Snowden; John A., a member of the medical profession, who married Jennie Black, has one daughter, Gean; Frank, unmarried. Dr. Chaapel and his wife are the parents of two children, Victoria and Eloise. The family reside in a commodious and beautiful home, and are members of the Presbyterian church.

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#### ALEXANDER BARBOUR WORTHINGTON.

Alexander Barbour Worthington, an extensive furniture manufacturer and general dealer at Muncy, Pennsylvania, is the son of Henry B. Worthington, a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, who was born about 1816. Alexander B. was born in Plunkets Creek township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, August 21, 1843. His father early in his life followed lumbering, but later settled on a farm. He married Mar-



garet Barbour, born February 10, 1820, the daughter of John and Jane Barbour. The family line of the Barbours runs as follows:

I. Peter Barbour lived in Edinburgh, Scotland, and his son was named John.

II. John Barbour, son of Peter Barbour I, was born March 10, 1729, and he had a son John.

III. John Barbour, son of John Barbour II, born February 2, 1777, and came to Muncy, Pennsylvania, with his wife, whose maiden name was Jean Whyte, somewhere between 1816 and 1820. They were married in Parish of Bieth, Paisley, Scotland, March 6, 1809, on Monday.

Alexander Barbour Worthington was educated in the common schools of Pennsylvania and Muncy Creek townships. He became a contractor and lumber dealer and followed that for about eighteen years. In 1881 he was one of the organizers of the Hughesville Furniture Company, of Hughesville, Pennsylvania, and was the superintending manager for ten years, disposing of his interest in 1891. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank, of Hughesville, Pennsylvania, organized in 1886. He took charge of the Muncy Manufacturing Company as treasurer and general manager, April 1, 1891, and is still operating in such capacity at this date, March, 1905. He has been highly successful in his business operations. Among other financial concerns with which he is connected may be named banking. He was one of the organizers of the Muncy Banking Company, Muncy, Pennsylvania, and is a director and vice president of the same. He was councilman from the first ward in Muncy, from 1903 to 1905. He has mining interests in Deadwood, South Dakota, he being treasurer and director of a mining corporation of that locality.

Politically Mr. Worthington is a Republican. He served as school



director in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, from 1888 to 1890. At present he is associated with the Muncy Banking Company; First National Bank of Hughesville, Pennsylvania, and the Muncy Manufacturing Company (limited). In religious faith he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church up to 1904, but is now identified with the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Worthington was married March 21, 1866, to Henrietta Berrey, at Muncy, Pennsylvania. By this union have been born: 1, James Harrison, born February 6, 1868, at Hughesville, Pennsylvania, and died in 1870; 2, Charles Cleon, born November 3, 1869, at Hughesville, Pennsylvania, and is married to Stella Schenck; 3, Milton Clyde, born September 19, 1872, at Hughesville, Pennsylvania, married Ida Boak, who is now deceased; 4, Howard K., born January 14, 1882, at Hughesville, Pennsylvania, single. Mr. and Mrs. Worthington's sons, not unlike their father, are enterprising, business-like young men, associated in business with their father.

In reviewing the career of one like Mr. Worthington, the reader cannot fail to comprehend the fact that, starting with a laudable ambition in early life, and by pursuing the never-ceasing course of honest industry, though much hard work be attached thereto, and the keeping true to moral and temperate habits, will ever crown one with a competency and surround him with a legion of friends.

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#### THOMAS W. KAHLER.

The Kahler family, of which Thomas W. Kahler, of Hughesville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, is a worthy and honored representative, is of German origin. The pioneer ancestor was Christopher Kahler, who upon his arrival in the new world located in the city of Philadelphia,

from whence he removed to Easton, and subsequently to Bloomsburg, residing in the latter town until his decease in 1823. During his residence in Philadelphia he was married, and had the following named children: Christian, mentioned at length hereinafter; John, Charles, Samuel, Margaret, Elizabeth and Sarah. The mother of these children passed away in the year 1850, having survived her husband many years.

Christian Kahler was born at Easton, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1798. He attended the common schools in the neighborhood of his home, and in early life learned the trade of tailor at Bloomsburg, whither his parents removed when he was ten years of age. In 1827 he took up his residence in Hughesville, Lycoming county, and engaged in the merchant tailoring business, continuing the same for a number of years. Subsequently he purchased a farm, just beyond the borough limits, which he cultivated and improved, residing thereon for many years, but prior to his death, December 22, 1884, returned to Hughesville. He took an active interest in public affairs, and was chosen by his fellow citizens to fill the office of justice of the peace in Wolf township, also serving in a similar capacity for twenty-eight years in the borough of Hughesville. He was a member and deacon in the Lutheran church, and an adherent of the principles of Democracy. On March 18, 1823, Mr. Kahler married Sarah Keller, who died in 1860, and they were the parents of seven children: John; Margaret, who became the wife of Peter Sevison; Thomas W., mentioned hereinafter; an infant, deceased; Annie R., who became the wife of Theodore Hill; Sarah, who became the wife of Fleming Webster; and Pearson D. Kahler.

Thomas W. Kahler was born in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1829. He received a practical education which qualified him for the activities of life in the common schools of his birthplace, and later

turned his attention to gaining a livelihood for himself. He engaged in the cigar business, and the success which has been achieved in this line of work is the direct result of industry, ability and reliable transactions. In 1878 Mr. Kahler was elected justice of the peace, and by his faithful and conscientious performance of the duties pertaining thereto, has been the incumbent of the office ever since, a period of twenty-six years. He is a member of the Lutheran Church of Hughesville, to which organization he contributes liberally both of time and means.

In 1862 Mr. Kahler married Savilla Doctor, and to them have been born two children: Sarah R., who resides with her father; and Martha, deceased. The mother of these children died at her residence in Hughesville, December 16, 1901.

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#### LEANDER I. MEYER.

Among the representative business men of Montoursville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, who have gained a large degree of financial success and won an enviable reputation through their reliable methods and honorable transactions, is Leander I. Meyer, a native of Perryville, Lycoming county, the date of his birth being January 10, 1856. Mr. Meyer resides at Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

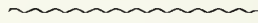
Martin W. Meyer, father of Leander I. Meyer, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1830, a son of Martin and Anna Margaret (Blyler) Meyer. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, and in 1850, at the age of twenty years, came to Lycoming county and joined his father and Isaiah Hayes in the lumber business. The following year he built a store at Perryville, Lycoming county, and successfully conducted a general mercantile business until

January, 1890, in the meantime devoting considerable time and attention to farming and lumbering. In February, 1889, he took up his residence in Montoursville, same county, and became actively identified with the mercantile firm of L. I. Meyer and Company, becoming a partner therein. He was an active, energetic man, capable and thorough-going in his business affairs, and well merits the prosperity which attended his efforts. He was a member of Montoursville Presbyterian Church, in which he served as elder. He was a Republican in politics, but never sought or held public office, preferring the quiet routine of business life to the excitement of the political arena. In September, 1850, he married Miss Rozella R. Hayes, daughter of Isaiah Hayes, and the issue of this union was three children: Mary A., who became the wife of Abraham Losch; Margaret E., unmarried, and Leander I. Meyer.

Leander I. Meyer received a practical English education in the high schools of Williamsport, and the Williamsport Commercial College. In 1885 he became a member of the firm of Hayes, Meyer and Pidcoe, millers, at Montoursville, and in February, 1889, engaged in mercantile pursuits. In 1892 he began the manufacture of clothing. His enterprise met with success from the beginning, and his patronage has steadily increased from year to year, this being the result of handling nothing but the best goods, and of paying careful attention to the wants and wishes of his numerous patrons. Mr. Meyer advocates the principles of the Republican party, and he has cast his vote for the candidates of that great organization since attaining his majority. He is a member of Eureka Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and Lycoming Royal Arch Chapter, and Baldwin II Commandery, and Howard Club, Knights Templar.

In 1877 Mr. Meyer married Miss Annie Trumbower, daughter of

P. M. Trumbower, who bore him three children: Della, Howard and Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Meyer are members of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Williamsport.



#### ALEXANDER S. WILLIAMS.

Alexander S. Williams, who is now leading a retired life at his home in Montoursville, Pennsylvania, surrounded with peace and plenty, and realizing to the full that there is no reward so satisfactory as the consciousness of a life well spent. He was born in Loyalsock township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1819, a son of Joseph and Letitia (Sutton) Williams.

The educational advantages enjoyed by Alexander S. Williams were obtained in the subscription schools of the neighborhood, and up to his nineteenth year he resided on the homestead, assisting with the work thereof. After working for a period of time on the Williamsport & Ralston Railroad, he served in the capacity of clerk for the mercantile firms of J. L. Abrams & Company, Lindsey, Mahappey, and others in the city of Williamsport. After gaining a thorough knowledge of the details of business life, he engaged in the mercantile business at Montoursville, continuing the same with a large degree of success for a number of years. In 1850 he embarked in the lumbering business on Loyalsock creek, and by paying the closest attention to every minor detail of this line of work was enabled to accumulate a fair share of this world's goods during his thirty years' connection with the same. In addition to this enterprise he was also extensively engaged in farming, which proved a most lucrative source of income.

During the administration of Franklin Pierce, Mr. Williams was appointed postmaster at Montoursville, discharging the duties of the



responsible office in a manner creditable to himself and satisfactory to all concerned. He has also served as a member of the school board and justice of the peace, having been the incumbent of the latter named office for several years. Mr. Williams cast his first presidential vote for Martin Van Buren, and was identified with the Democratic party until 1856, when he voted for John C. Fremont, and in 1860 for Abraham Lincoln, and has ever since been an ardent supporter of the principles of the Republican party. As a citizen he has ever been public-spirited and progressive, and has contributed much toward the development and upbuilding of the best interests of the community.

In 1850 Mr. Williams married Catherine Kramer, daughter of Michael Kramer, former proprietor of the Eagle Hotel of Williamsport, and six children were the issue of the union, four of whom are now living: Sarah, wife of Huston Jackson; Emma R., wife of John A. Bennett; Samuel L. and Mary Margaret Williams.



#### WILLIAM B. KONKLE.

Prominent among the men who have accumulated sufficient capital from their agricultural pursuits to allow them to retire from their labors and spend their declining years in ease and comfort is William B. Konkle, of Montoursville, Pennsylvania. He is a native son of the state in which he resides, his birth having occurred in Fairfield township, Lycoming county, September 26, 1818.

Adam Konkle, father of William B. Konkle, was born January 19, 1786, a son of Peter Konkle, a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, one of the pioneer settlers of Fairfield township, and an early and consistent member of the Montoursville Methodist Episcopal church. During the war of 1812 he was drafted, but was not called into service. He was



united in marriage to Martha Seibring, who was born April 26, 1791, and the following named children were born to them: John S., Rachel W., who became the wife of Henry C. Reeder; Charles; William B., mentioned at length hereinafter; George W.; Mary Ann, who became the wife of Abraham Stadden; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Henry Else; Pearson L.; Martha, who became the wife of Jacob Sheffer; and Ann Eliza. Mr. and Mrs. Konkle were prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served in the capacity of elder and class-leader for many years. Their deaths occurred, respectively, January 10, 1853, and December 30, 1871.

The boyhood days of William B. Konkle were spent in the same manner as the majority of boys reared in the country, assisting with the work of the farm during the summer months, and attending the district school during the winter months. He remained under the parental roof until he was twenty-five years of age, giving his father valuable assistance in the operation and cultivation of his estate. For a number of years following that period he engaged in lumbering on Wallis Run and Loyalsock creek, and for ten years followed the same line of business on Mill creek. At the expiration of this period of time he and his brother engaged in contracting and built several of the county bridges. In 1851 he embarked in the mercantile business at Montoursville, which he continued for two years, and also manufactured brick for several years. In 1860 he turned his attention to farming, conducting his extensive operations on two farms, located in and surrounding the borough of Montoursville, of which he was the owner, and his progressive and practical methods brought to him a large degree of success. He has occupied several positions of trust and responsibility in the borough, among them having been those of burgess, supervisor, member of the borough council, and of the school board. From early man-

hood until 1862 Mr. Konkle cast his vote with the Democratic party, after which he changed his allegiance to the opposing political party. He was one of the organizers of the Grange Lodge at Montoursville.

In 1847 Mr. Konkle was united in marriage to Amelia Bastian, and the issue of this union was three children: Martha Amelia, Rachel Ann, and William B., a physician and surgeon of Montoursville. In early life Mr. Konkle adhered to the tenets of the Lutheran church, of which he was a member for twenty years, but later he and his wife joined the Methodist Episcopal church at Montoursville, in which he held the offices of trustee, steward, class-leader, and superintendent of the Sunday School.



#### MELCHI BELLES.

One of the highly cultivated and therefore productive farms located in Fairfield township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, for which that section of the state is noted, is the property of Melchi Belles, who was born in Luzerne county, in the vicinity of Wilkesbarre, in March, 1825, a son of Peter Belles. Melchi Belles was indebted to the common schools of Luzerne county for a practical education, which is so essential in the career of every one who is seeking to make a place for themselves in the great world of finance, commerce, politics or otherwise. When about twenty-three years of age he engaged in business for himself, devoting his time and attention exclusively to agricultural pursuits, which proved both successful and remunerative. About the year 1865 he took up his residence in Lycoming county, settling on the farm in Fairfield township where he now resides, which consists of two hundred and fifty acres of arable land, from the products of which he has been enabled to provide a comfortable home for his family. Through-

out his long and useful life he has been recognized as an honest, upright man, who has been faithful to every trust reposed in him.

On September 7, 1848, by Samuel Pell, Melchi Belles was married to Catherine Miller, who was born August 12, 1826, a daughter of John Miller. They were the parents of two children, namely: William, born May 16, 1851, married Ella Johnson, and resides on his father's farm; John Franklin, born October 21, 1854, died March 27, 1872. The mother of these children, whose life was a most exemplary one, passed away January 4, 1899. Mr. Belles is a Democrat.

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#### WILLIAM F. BRITTAIN.

William F. Brittain, a representative citizen of Muncy, where he is serving in the capacity of postmaster, was born at Chestnut Grove, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1861, a descendant of an English extraction.

Zebulon J. Brittain, grandfather of William F. Brittain, came from New Jersey to Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, at an early day and there followed agricultural pursuits and was also a lumber dealer, deriving a goodly livelihood from both enterprises. By his marriage to Anna Derr the following named children were born: Thomas, who was killed in the Civil war; John H.; Ellen, who became the wife of Samuel Snyder; Mary, who became the wife of Samuel Crist; and Sarah, who became the wife of Jacob Crist.

John H. Brittain, father of William F. Brittain, was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1828. He was a farmer, conducting his operations in Muncy, where his death occurred in 1883. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and cast his vote for the candidates of the Republican party. He was united in marriage to

Susan Adams, who was born near Danville, Pennsylvania, died May 15, 1903, daughter of Thomas Adams, who was born in Scotland, settled near Danville, Pennsylvania, where he was a farmer and where his death occurred. Three children were the issue of this union: Edward, who resides in Muncy, Pennsylvania; Anna Bell, who died at the age of three years; and William F., mentioned hereinafter.

William F. Brittain was reared in the town of Muncy, and obtained his education in the public schools, the Lycoming Normal School, at Muncy, and Lafayette College, at Easton, graduating from the latter with the class of 1884. Subsequently he began the manufacture of furniture at Muncy, under the firm name of The Muncy Manufacturing Company, he having at first charge of the office work, and is now (1905) serving in the capacity of secretary of the same. He is also interested in the Magnetic Mineral Water Company, of Muncy, who are selling what they claim to be "the purest water on earth," the celebrated Sizerville Magnetic Mineral Water, a positive and speedy cure for Bright's disease, indigestion, rheumatism, dyspepsia, kidney, liver and stomach troubles. The water flows from an artesian well 600 feet deep, situated at Sizerville, Cameron county, Pennsylvania, and in addition to its remedial powers it is an unsurpassed nerve tonic and an excellent table water. The water is bottled and shipped to any portion of the United States and Europe, and physicians and other professional men have highly recommended its use. In 1903 Mr. Brittain was appointed postmaster at Muncy, and is still serving. Since his appointment the office has advanced until it is now second class, this being the only second class office in the county, and Williamsport being the only first class office. Mr. Brittain takes pride in his office, is faithful and conscientious in the performance of his duties, and his courtesy and ability is highly appreciated by the citizens of Muncy. He attends the Presbyterian church

of Muncy. He is a Republican in politics, and by his vote and influence advances the interests of that party. Mr. Brittain is a Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of Lodge No. 299, of Muncy. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum.

In 1888 Mr. Brittain married Miss Margaret Coulter, a daughter of James Coulter, of Muncy. Three children have been the issue of this union: Martha, who is acting as chief clerk in the post office at Muncy; Mary; and James McKinley. The family are highly esteemed in the community. Mr. Brittain is secretary of the Muncy board of trade and is very active and greatly interested in the welfare of his town.



#### A. G. DECKER.

No citizen of Brady township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, is better known throughout the surrounding country than A. G. Decker, proprietor of a general store, who enjoys an extended trade and great popularity. He was born May 22, 1857, in Mosquito valley, Armstrong township, a son of G. F. and Mary (Fousel) Decker, he being the eldest of six children. The names of the others are as follows: Rosa, deceased; Albert, Edward, Clara, and Anna, deceased.

A. G. Decker attended the common schools of his birthplace until he was eighteen years of age, and the knowledge thus acquired qualified him for the position of teacher, in which capacity he served the following three years. He farmed one year for his father, and in 1880, after his marriage, located at Maple Hill, White Deer valley, Brady township, where he followed farming until 1898, in which year he purchased the store of which he is now proprietor. Prior to that year, in connection with his agricultural pursuits, he conducted a store for three years for the Grangers. He is still the owner of the farm, which is operated



A. G. Decker





by hired help, and from which he derives a goodly income. The farm is a model in every respect; the buildings are up-to-date, handsome structures, equipped with the best private water plant in the county. In politics he is a supporter of Democratic principles. Aside from farming and mercantile business Mr. Decker has held various offices, being assessor three years, school director fifteen years, justice of the peace eight years, which office he now holds. He is also a writer and orator of considerable ability, occasionally addressing public meetings on various topics. He writes many articles for publication, also songs and poems, and his library contains many songs, poems and literary productions that emanated from his fertile brain.

Mr. Decker married, February 14, 1880, Jennie Carpenter, daughter of James and Catherine (Salada) Carpenter, who resided at Salladaburg, and reared a family of four children: Jennie, above mentioned; Annie, Harry, and Roxanna, deceased. The following named children were the issue of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Decker: Arthur S., born December 18, 1881, resides at home, and is engaged in the trucking business. Estella, born October 21, 1883. Maud, born May 2, 1885, became the wife of Fred Metzger and mother of one child, Clifford Metzger; they reside in Brady township, where he follows farming. Eva, born October 31, 1887. Ralph, born January 14, 1890. Mabelle, born November 15, 1893.

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E. M. GREEN.

The Green family, of which E. M. Green, a leading and influential citizen of Muncy, Pennsylvania, is a worthy and honored representative, is noted for the many excellent characteristics displayed by its members, one of whom served with credit and distinction during the Revolutionary war, that terrible struggle for liberty in which the soldiers endured so

much privation, and suffered so severely in order that we might be able to enjoy freedom.

Levi Green, father of E. M. Green, was a native of Massachusetts, removing from thence in early life to New York state, and subsequently becoming one of the pioneer settlers of the North Branch valley, Pennsylvania. By his marriage to Mary Montanye, eight children were born, they being reared to lives of usefulness and activity. His death occurred in 1848, and his widow passed away in 1857.

E. M. Green was born in Tioga county, New York, March 6, 1816. He was reared on a farm, learning in early life to assist with the various routine duties thereof, and his education was obtained by attendance at the common schools of the neighborhood. In 1855, at the age of thirty-nine years, he migrated from his native state to Pennsylvania, locating in Lycoming county, township of Muncy, where he engaged in the grocery business. Two years later he established a hardware business which he conducted successfully for ten years, after which he passed it over to his sons, they being very successful in the management thereof. The honorable and unsullied reputation he gained during his business career was the means of his being chosen as one of the directors of the First National Bank of Muncy, in which capacity he served for ten years. Upon the organization of the Citizens' National Bank, in 1885, he was elected its president, and has since performed the duties of this responsible office, and much of the financial success which the bank has achieved has been the result of his safe and conservative policy.

In 1844 Mr. Green married Jane Robb, a daughter of James Robb, and three children were born to them: Maggie, deceased; Robert M., and Nathaniel D. Green. Mr. and Mrs. Green are loyal and faithful members of the Presbyterian church of Muncy, to the support of which they contribute liberally.

## WILLIAM GUNDRUM.

William Gundrum, of Muncy, was born in Wolf township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, June 28, 1846, a descendant of an old and honored German ancestry.

John Gundrum, grandfather, was born in Germany, and upon his arrival in this country settled in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming. Later he moved to Jaysburg, near Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he followed the same occupation and where the remainder of his life was spent. He married and reared a family of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, all of whom became active and useful in the community. Their names were as follows: George, Jacob, Frederick, Samuel, Henry, William, Solomon, Mary, Catherine, Susan, Anna, and another, whom Mr. Gundrum cannot name.

Samuel Gundrum, father, was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, 1806, obtained his education in the common schools thereof, and remained there until he attained the age of twenty-two years. He was a farmer all his life, his operations along this line proving highly remunerative. He held membership in the Lutheran church, and his political allegiance was given to the Republican party. Mr. Gundrum was married twice. His first wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Bugh, bore him the following named children: John, George, Mary, and Barbara. His second wife, Christiana (Gray) Gundrum, who was born in Wolf township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, daughter of John Gray, a farmer of that township, and a descendant of an English extraction. Four sons were the issue of this union: Wilson, a farmer of Lycoming county; Ellis, a resident of Muncy; William, mentioned hereinafter; and Charles, who was drowned at the age of eight years. Samuel Gundrum, father, died February 10, 1892. He survived his second wife many years, she having passed away in 1875.

William Gundrum spent his boyhood days on the farm, assisting with the varied duties thereof during the spring and summer months, and attending the old district school during the three or four winter months. He remained on the farm until 1890, when he went to South Williamsport and for two years was employed on the boom and in the saw mills of that town. Upon his return to Muncy, in 1892, he purchased a piece of property on Main street from Charles Mozely and engaged in the hotel and restaurant business, which he still continues, deriving therefrom a lucrative livelihood. He possesses good business ability, is pleasant and genial in manner, which characteristic wins for him many friends and he well merits the esteem in which he is held. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and a Republican in politics. Mr. Gundrum married, May 22, 1880, Nancy M. Riddell, a daughter of John Riddell, and three children were the issue: Della, died in infancy; Charles R., a graduate of Lycoming County Normal School, at Muncy, and Williamsport Business College. He is now located at Donora, near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Bessie I., who resides at home.



### JACOB BOWER.

Jacob Bower, who served with fidelity during the Civil war, participating in several engagements throughout which he displayed a brave and fearless spirit, is a native of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, born November 14, 1843, a son of Henry and Hannah Bower, old and honored residents of Lycoming county.

Jacob Bower received such advantages as the common schools in the neighborhood of his birth afforded. He began his active career in the Richel Furniture Factory, in which he has been employed for the long period of thirty-two years, and by close application to the perform-

ance of the duties assigned him, and by carefully looking after the interests of the company, he was promoted to the position of foreman, in which capacity he is now serving. August 24, 1864, he enlisted in the United States service as private in Captain J. C. Blanchard's Company, Ninety-ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, recruited at Williamsport, and commanded by Captain J. C. Briscoe. The regiment was assigned to the First Brigade, First Division of the Twenty-fourth Corps, Army of the James, and they participated in the battles of Fort Gregg and Alexandria, Virginia, April 2, 1865. Immediately after the victory at Petersburg was made complete, the regiment joined in the pursuit of the rebel army and was engaged in battle at Rice's Station, April 6, 1865. Shortly after the surrender of General Lee, the division was ordered to Richmond, Virginia, went into camp upon its arrival, and they were mustered out of service and honorably discharged in that city, June 2, 1865. Mr. Bower holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Hughesville. He is a Democrat in politics.

In 1866 Mr. Bower was united in marriage to Amelia Sampsel, who was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, February 12, 1843, a daughter of Henry and Eliza Sampsel. Their children are: Laura May, born October 22, 1871, wife of William E. H. Laird, no issue; and Bertha O., born July 28, 1878, unmarried, resides with her parents.

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#### FRANKLIN KRAUSE.

Franklin Krause was born in Susquehanna county, near Montrose, July 28, 1842. His parents were Joseph and Mary Ann (Sprout) Krause, who were counted among the pioneer settlers of Susquehanna county.

July 18, 1863, when the Civil war was in progress, Mr. Krause



enlisted in Company G, Twenty-sixth Militia, and served six weeks, at the expiration of which time he was sent home. September 15 of the same year he was drafted in Company K, One Hundred and Forty-third Regiment, and participated in the Battle of the Wilderness, which took place May 5, 1864. During this engagement he was taken prisoner, and was kept in confinement seven months and eleven days, during which time he was in two different prisons, one at Andersonville and the other at Florence, South Carolina. He was paroled December 8, 1864. On the 27th day of June, 1865, he received his discharge from service, near Annapolis, Maryland, and has followed the occupation of farming ever since. Politically Mr. Krause affiliates with the Republican party, and he and his family are members of the Picture Rocks Baptist church.

December 14, 1870, Mr. Krause was united in marriage with Miss Maria Jane Hewitt, daughter of Alexander and Caroline Hewitt.

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#### DANIEL CLAPP.

Daniel Clapp, whose death occurred April 4, 1882, was an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, and the success he achieved during his active business career was due to careful and methodical habits, prudent investments and strict integrity. He was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1821, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth Clapp.

His education was acquired by attendance at the common schools in the neighborhood of his home, and his first experience in the business world was gained by serving as clerk in a store at Danville, Pennsylvania, where he remained four years. He then returned to his native county and at once entered into partnership with his brother, Beneval Clapp, in the mercantile business at Turbutville, and one year later, in

September, 1843, they removed their business to Muncy, continuing the same until 1845. Mr. Clapp then purchased his brother's interest and conducted the business alone until 1859, a period of fourteen years, when Mr. L. S. Smith was admitted to partnership, and the firm conducted business under the style of D. Clapp and Company. In connection with their mercantile business, the firm dealt heavily in lumber, and in 1869 Mr. Clapp purchased the Port Penn sawmill and from that year until his death was successfully engaged in the manufacture of lumber. Mr. Clapp always manifested a keen interest in the welfare of the borough of Muncy and its people, was a staunch advocate of the cause of education, and it was largely through his instrumentality that the public school building was erected in Muncy. He was a member of and a liberal contributor to the Methodist Episcopal church of Muncy. Prior to the Civil war he was a Democrat, but at that period changed his allegiance to the Republican party, whose principles he ever after advocated.

Mr. Clapp married, September 10, 1845, Catherine L. Updegraff, daughter of Samuel Updegraff, of the "Long Reach," who was the youngest son of Derrick Updegraff, a Quaker, who came from York, Pennsylvania, to Lycoming county, toward the close of the last century, and purchased five hundred acres of land on the Susquehanna, at what is known as the "Long Reach," where his death occurred in 1815. Samuel Updegraff was born June 9, 1793, was the father of six children, and died aged about forty-five years. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clapp, as follows: Alice, who became the wife of J. Artley Beeber, of Williamsport; Daniel; Annie, who became the wife of Clarence E. Sprout, of Williamsport; Henry, Frank and May C. Clapp.

## ELLIS M. CRUSE.

Ellis M. Cruse, of Picture Rocks, Lycoming county, connected with Burrows Brothers and Company's large furniture manufactory, is a native of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in which his activities have been exerted, and was born in Hughesville, November 20, 1863, a representative of an old and honored native-born ancestry.

His paternal grandfather, Alexander Cruse, was born in Bucks county, near the city of Philadelphia, and died in Muncy, same state. He was a shoemaker by occupation, and he performed military service during the war with Great Britain in 1812-14. He married Sophia Levas, who was born in England, and to them were born six children, of whom two died in infancy; those who came to maturity were: William, who is a farmer, residing in Michigan; Maria, who became the wife of Perry Sanders; Joseph T., of whom further mention is made; Jesse, who died unmarried.

Joseph T. Cruse, son of Alexander and Sophia (Levas) Cruse, was in his childhood brought to Muncy by his parents, who made the journey thither in a canal boat. He was reared in Muncy, and cultivated a farm near Hughesville until 1888, when he removed to Picture Rocks, where he died. He married Charlotte Sanders, who was born in the eastern part of Lycoming county, near Montoursville, August 1, 1830, and died September 26, 1897, having survived her husband but a few weeks. She was a daughter of Israel and Elizabeth (Minnick) Sanders, and in the paternal line was of German extraction. She was one of twelve children: Charles; Charlotte, who became the wife of Joseph T. Cruse; Perry; Jackson; John, Israel; Porter; Jerry; and four who died young. After their marriage, Joseph T. and Charlotte Cruse settled in Hughesville, whence they shortly removed to a nearby farm, upon which they

lived for about twelve years. They then removed to a farm near Picture Rocks and subsequently took up their residence in the village, where Mr. Cruse died August 8, 1897. He was a man of character and ability, and served as supervisor and school director. He was a member of the Evangelical church, and a Democrat in politics. To him and his wife were born nine children, of whom two died in infancy. Those who came to maturity were: Sophia E., who became the wife of R. D. Collins; Mary, who is unmarried; Annie E., who is the wife of G. B. Van Buskirk; Ellis M., the immediate subject of this narrative; Israel S., who married Anna Wilson, and resides in Marion, Indiana; Emma, who became the wife of Elmer Clark; Debbie, who became the wife of Harvey Melhuish.

Ellis M. Cruse, eldest of the sons in the family last named, was reared to a life of industry upon the farms upon which his parents resided during his boyhood. He received his education in the common schools in the vicinity of Picture Rocks. After leaving school he entered the shipping department of Burrows Brothers and Company's furniture manufactory at Picture Rocks, in 1884, and has been connected with that department continuously to the present time, having had it in charge for a number of years past, a sufficient attestation of his efficiency and ability as a business man. Mr. Cruse, with his family, attends the Baptist church. His political affiliations are with the Republican party. He is a member of Lodge No. 101, K. O. T. M., of Picture Rocks. Mr. Cruse has held the office of clerk of the Baptist church sixteen years continuously, and is a member of the school board and president of the same, having served in this capacity five years.

September 4, 1889, Mr. Cruse was united in marriage with Miss Orpha D. Sprout, born in Picture Rocks, October 22, 1867, a daughter of Amos B. and Catherine (Hinds) Sprout. Her father was a man of

much ability and prominence. He was a son of Ebenezer Sprout, and was born May 7, 1826, at Forest Lake, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, and died at Picture Rocks August 31, 1904. He conducted the business of manufacturing sash, doors and blinds in Picture Rocks, the pioneer enterprise of that kind in Lycoming county. His wife, Catherine Hinds, was born in Bridgewater, Susquehanna county, September 18, 1827, and died four years before her husband, on June 26, 1900. Mr. and Mrs. Sprout were the parents of four children, Judson H., Gordon D., Morton I., and Orpha D., the last named becoming the wife of Ellis M. Cruse.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cruse were born four children: Catherine M., October 4, 1890; Ernest J., October 16, 1895; Lois M., November 15, 1900; Elva C., April 16, 1903.

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#### JAMES A. DOHERTY.

James A. Doherty, deceased, who was a man of wise foresight, great energy, and strong common sense, which were the leading traits of his character, was born near Boston, Massachusetts, March 28, 1863, a son of John and Sarah Doherty, Canadians by birth. He acquired the educational advantages afforded by the common schools of that day, and his active career was noted for the utmost integrity. He was a prominent member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Mr. Doherty was united in marriage to Martha Barr, who was born in Barry county, Michigan, May 31, 1865, a daughter of George and Addie Barr, whose family consisted of seven children, the names of the others being as follows: Cora, David, Murray, Myrtle, Bessie, and Earnest. One son was the issue of this marriage, John Clinton.



born July 4, 1891. Mr. Doherty died December 15, 1892, and his remains were interred in the cemetery at Brisbin, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania. His widow, a woman of good business judgment and ability, resides at Montoursville and is successfully conducting the old Ebner Hotel.

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### JOHN HOWARD SHERMAN.

John Howard Sherman of Montoursville, Pennsylvania, was born at Fairfield Center, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, November 7, 1866, the son of Levi and Sarah (De Wald) Sherman. His father received his education in the common schools of Lycoming county, afterwards engaging in carpentering and teaching. When the civil war broke out he volunteered and served two years. His death occurred April, 1871.

John H. Sherman attended the common schools of Muncy township, and also Hartley Hall school. With the idea in view of becoming a telegrapher, he left school at the age of seventeen years and entered into the study of telegraphy under Mr. J. B. Weidenhamer, at Halls, on the Philadelphia and Reading railway. From 1887 to 1892 he was in the employ of this company in the capacity of operator or station agent at different points on the line. From 1892 to October 12, 1903, he held the position of station agent at Montoursville, in the employ of the same company. In October, 1903, he was elected to the important position of cashier of the First National Bank, Montoursville, then organizing, and still retains his connection with that institution, which has become noted for the fact of its acquiring \$100,000 deposits in less than six months.

In political affairs Mr. Sherman's sympathies lie with the Democratic party. He is actively interested in educational matters, being for three years a member of the Montoursville school board. He is a

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member of I. O. O. F., Fairfield Lodge No. 236, Montoursville. He affiliates with the Protestant Episcopal church, has been a member of the vestry since 1894, is a lay reader in the parish of Montoursville, and since 1896 has been superintendent of the Sunday school, and is always ready to donate his services to any benevolent work.

May 9, 1895, Mr. Sherman was united in marriage with Miss Eleanor Edna Hyde, daughter of George and Catharine Pass Hyde. She was educated in the public schools of Montoursville, and was graduated from the Normal school, Muncy, Pennsylvania, and Commercial College, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and taught in the public schools of the county until 1895. Her father, George Hyde, was a wagon-maker in Montoursville for thirty-five years. He held the position of burgess, school director and councilman, and was held in the highest esteem by his fellow townsmen. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sherman are: Mary Katharine, May 13, 1896, at Montoursville, Pennsylvania; Eleanor Hyde, December 31, 1898 (deceased); John George, January 5, 1903.

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#### ALEM PRICE HULL, M. D.

The founder of the Hull family, or that branch represented by Alem Price Hull, was Benjamin Hull, who came from England in 1640, or earlier, and first settled in Piscatagua, in the province of Massachusetts, now Maine. In 1660 he moved to Piscataway, South Jersey. In the early pioneer days of New England, Benjamin Hull was a preacher of the gospel (Baptist), and the name has been prominent from the earliest organization of New England among the intelligent and outspoken freemen of the new world. His wife, whose name is unknown, was an English woman of culture and refinement.



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Benjamin Hull (great-grandfather), son of Benjamin Hull, the founder, married Anna Duer, of English descent, and about 1750 settled on a farm in Sussex county, New Jersey, where he died at the age of ninety years. They were the parents of eleven daughters and three sons. His wife was a very religious woman, and subscribed the funds for the erection of a Baptist church in the vicinity of their home.

William Hull (grandfather), son of Benjamin and Anna (Duer) Hull, the youngest child in the family, was born July 17, 1771. In 1792 he came to Northumberland county, Pennsylvania. He married, January 12, 1797, Hannah Marr, and they were the parents of fourteen children, nine of whom attained years of maturity. Hannah Marr, wife of William Hull, was born March 23, 1777, and was descended from John Frampton, of England, who was born in 1585, a merchant and compatriot of John Hampden, Oliver Cromwell and the Parliament that resisted Charles I. His grandson, William Frampton, Mrs. Hull's great-great-grandfather, came to America about 1671 and settled in Oyster Bay, then in Burlington and Philadelphia. He was a Quaker and member of William Penn's first Provincial Council for the government of Pennsylvania (the lower counties, now Delaware). He represented Kent county in that council in 1683. In 1685 he was one of the Peace Commissioners for the county of Philadelphia, and was one of the three persons who jointly filled the office of Register General in 1685 and 1686. He was Justice of the Peace in 1685 and during this time Mayor and Recorder of the city. In 1680 he married, but the name of his wife is unknown. He was a merchant in Philadelphia, and died in July, 1686.

Thomas Frampton, son of William Frampton, married a Miss Ellis, daughter of Thomas Ellis, of Burlington. Their daughter, Han-

nah Frampton, married David Price, and their daughter, Susannah Price, born April 27, 1754, married Joseph Marr, a Scotchman. Their daughter, Hannah Marr, born March 23, 1777, married William Hull, as above stated. She came with her father, Joseph Marr, about 1793, from Upper Mount Bethel, Northampton county, Pennsylvania, to Turbot township, Northumberland county, to a large tract of land he had taken up on the banks of the Susquehanna, near Milton, Pennsylvania. Her father and mother donated ground for a graveyard and Episcopal church, which edifice they helped to build, and which for many years was the only church in or near Milton. Hannah Hull died in Milton, February 10, 1858, aged eighty-four years.

Thomas Ryerson Hull (father), youngest son of William and Hannah (Marr) Hull, was born on the Hull farm, a short distance above Milton, February 19, 1815. He was a student and prepared for college in the famous Kirkpatrick School in Milton. In 1832 he entered Lafayette College, and, although he did not attend the full course, this institution conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts a few years prior to his death. He was a member of the first class of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, after it became an independent corporation, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1838. After his graduation he began the practice of medicine in Washingtonville, Montour county, Pennsylvania, where he continued in active practice until 1861, when he removed to Milton, Northumberland county, where he resided and continued to practice until his death, May 25, 1886. He was a member of the Episcopal church. He held a number of public offices; he was chief burgess of Milton four terms, and also a member of the board of education, serving as president of the board for twelve years. He was a Republican and took an active interest in politics, serving as one of the electors from Pennsylvania of the first

Lincoln campaign. During the Civil war, after the battle of Antietam, he served in the militia and was commissioned surgeon of the regiment.

Thomas R. Hull married, February 23, 1843, Elizabeth Jane McCormick, born March 29, 1822, in Washingtonville, a descendant of William Shaw, who was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1748, and came to America about 1772. He first settled in Derry township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, later removed to Turbot township, Northumberland county, where he died in 1811, aged sixty-three years. He married Esther Taylor, daughter of David and Agnes (Boyd) Taylor, who came from Ireland prior to 1750. Esther Shaw died February 10, 1783, aged thirty-five years. Mr. Shaw married for his second wife Elizabeth Long. Margaret Shaw, daughter of William and Esther Shaw, born June 4, 1779, married William McCormick, who came from Ireland (date unknown), and settled in Washingtonville, Montour county, Pennsylvania, where he was a merchant, and he died on a farm near there September 28, 1830, aged fifty-six years. Their daughter, Elizabeth Jane, married Thomas Ryerson Hull, in 1843. William Shaw's father was a merchant in Belfast, Ireland, and he, as the eldest child, inherited the family estates, but having acquired a competence in America, resigned in favor of his younger brother. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, and served in the Revolutionary war. He was active in colonial times, between 1775 and 1785, as he was appointed on many important committees: The first and second committees of safety in Northumberland county, February 8, 1776, and August 13, 1776; a commissioner of purchase, 1780; a petition in favor of settlers beyond the purchase line, 1781; one of the committee appointed by the assembly to take subscription for the continental cause; appointed June 9, 1777; a justice of the peace for seven years, and on



January 24, 1785, again appointed for seven years; appointed judge of common pleas court, January 24, 1785.

Alem Price Hull, son of Thomas R. and Elizabeth Jane (McCormick) Hull, was born at Washingtonville, Montour county, Pennsylvania, December 7, 1848. He attended the public schools of Washingtonville until twelve years of age, when his parents moved to Milton, Pennsylvania, and he then entered the Milton Academy, which he attended until 1864, he being then sixteen years of age. In that year he enlisted in Company E, Seventy-fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the fall of 1865. The following spring he entered the Tuscarora Academy in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, where he remained until the summer of 1868, and then entered Yale College, class of 1872, where he prosecuted his studies until 1870. From 1870 to 1871 he served as private tutor in the family of Mrs. David Marr, who resided near Milton, and at the same time read medicine with his father, who resided in the town of Milton. In the fall of 1871, he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in March, 1873. In June of the same year he began the practice of medicine in Montgomery, Lycoming county, and has resided and practiced his profession there ever since, a period of more than three decades. Dr. Hull is a member of the American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, of which he is the vice-president, and the Lycoming County Medical Society, of which he was the president two terms.

Dr. Hull has served as surgeon of the Pennsylvania Railroad for twenty-five years, examining surgeon on the Pension Board, and examiner for various insurance companies. In addition to his professional duties, Dr. Hull is the president of the Montgomery Door & Sash Company, president of the Montgomery Water Company, and director in

the First National Bank of Montgomery, and the Milton Trust & Safe Deposit Company. He is a member of the firm of Meixel Coleman & Co., lumber-manufacturers, and was a member of the firm of Henderson, Hull & Co., also president of the same, which conducted an extensive planing mill, but is now out of business. He has always taken an active part in the politics of the Republican party, but held no office except Burgess of Montgomery, in which position he rendered valuable service. He is a member of the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree, and is a member of D. L. Montgomery Post, No. 264, Grand Army of the Republic. He is actively connected with the Presbyterian church of Montgomery.

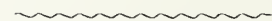
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#### PETER MILTON FRANTZ.

Peter M. Frantz, for many years actively and prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Hughesville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in which county he was born on November 20, 1837, a son of John and Savilla (Fague) Frantz, and a direct descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of Muncy Valley, a representative of that class of men who braved the hardships and dangers incident to the settlement of a new country, and to whom so much credit is due.

John Frantz, father of Peter M. Frantz, was a farmer by occupation, gaining a lucrative livelihood by means of industry and thrift. By his marriage to Savilla Fague, eight children were born, namely: Mary Elizabeth, deceased; Peter Milton, whose name heads this sketch; Sarah Ann, who became the wife of Francis Smith; David Thomas; Susannah Catherine, who became the wife of Elias Sahn; Hannah Rosetta, deceased; George Washington; and Martha Jane, who became the wife of George Nerfer. Mr. Frantz died in February, 1878, having survived his wife many years, her death occurring September 27, 1862.

Peter M. Frantz married, in 1862, Miss Mary Flick, and nine children were the issue of this union, two of whom died in infancy; the names of those who attained years of maturity are as follows: Charles McClellan, who married Etta Houseknecht; Bradia M., deceased; Elsworth, deceased; Clara Ada; Harvey Ernest; Stella May and Bruce Clyde Frantz.



### JOSEPH C. BUDD.

Joseph C. Budd, who, since 1869 to the present time (1905), a period of thirty-six years, has been the proprietor of a general store in the town of Loyalsock, Lycoming county, from which he realizes a goodly profit, was born in Cape May county, New Jersey,

He was reared and educated in his native state, and in 1869 located in the town of Loyalsock, Pennsylvania, where he has since been actively identified with its growth and progress. He is a member of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons, and the Protective Order of Sons of America. He strictly adheres to the tenets of the Evangelical church.

Mr. Budd married Mary Etta Milnor, daughter of Joseph W. and Mary Jane (Reeder) Milnor, the former named having been born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1819, a son of Joseph and Mary (Wright) Milnor, born in 1795 and 1796, respectively. Joseph W. Milnor was a school teacher during the early years of his career, but later turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, being one of the prominent farmers of his township, and the owner of considerable valuable real estate. He was a justice of the peace for thirty years, a jury commissioner in 1866, and the incumbent of the majority of the important offices of Eldred township. Two daughters were born to Mr. and

Mrs. Budd: Abbie, who became the wife of E. E. Souter, to whom she bore two children—Dorothy and Mary; they reside in Loyalsock; and Anna, who resides with her parents.

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#### ELMER E. SHOEMAKER.

Elmer E. Shoemaker, a successful and highly esteemed resident of Muncy, Pennsylvania, was born in the vicinity of Clarkstown, Muncy Creek township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1867, a son of Thomas H. and Almara (Warn) Shoemaker, a grandson of Benjamin K. Shoemaker, and great-grandson of Thomas Shoemaker. The name of Shoemaker has been closely interwoven with the history of this section of the state for several generations, dating back to the days prior to the Revolutionary war. Thomas H. Shoemaker (father) was also a native of Muncy Creek township, in which locality he spent his entire life-time, devoting his attention principally to farming, and also owning a half interest in a distillery.

Elmer E. Shoemaker was indebted to the common schools of his native county for his educational advantages, and his boyhood days were spent in the same manner as those of the majority of boys reared on a farm—assisting with the various duties as his strength would allow—and thus he gained a thorough knowledge of all the details of farming, which has been his chief occupation ever since. His income is also greatly increased by the half interest he owns in a distillery and by the sale of liquor.

At the parsonage in Muncy Creek township, Lycoming county, December 26, 1889, Mr. Shoemaker was united in marriage to Traine Michael, a daughter of Oliver P. and Anna Michael, the former named a successful farmer, who served his township in the capacity of school

director two terms. Three children were the issue of this union, namely: Virce E., born May 18, 1891; Collins W., born November 18, 1893; and Irene M., born September 11, 1900.

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#### HUGH D. FISHER.

Hugh D. Fisher, watchman for the Philadelphia and Reading at Fritz Station, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in which capacity he has served for the long period of thirty-three years, or since January 22, 1872, a fact which alone characterizes him as a man of industry, energy, perseverance and integrity, is a native of the section wherein he now resides, born September 10, 1837, a son of Michael and Elizabeth (Arbuckle) Fisher, who reared a family of nine children, as follows: Andrew F., Hugh D., Paul F., John, Michael, Jolhim, Daniel, deceased; Margaret J., and Sarah F. Fisher.

Upon the completion of his studies in the common schools at the age of sixteen years, Hugh D. turned his attention to the various lines of work on his father's farm, laboring thereon during the summer months, and for the remainder of the year was employed by his father in the lumber woods. He continued thus until his marriage, in 1870, at the age of thirty-three years, when he established a home in the vicinity of Fritz Station and commenced working for the Pennsylvania Railroad. On January 22, 1872, he was appointed to watch the tracks of the company, and by faithfully and conscientiously performing this duty has been retained up to the present time (1905). By thrift and economy he accumulated some capital, which he invested in real estate, and he is now the owner of the old Hivley farm in Washington township, one in Clinton township known as the Martin Lomeson farm, and a house and lot in Somerset, Brady township, from which he derives a goodly in-



come, which will enable him to cease from active labor during the declining years of his life.

On December 27, 1870, Mr. Fisher was united in marriage to Christiana Weaver, daughter of William and Sarah (Poust) Weaver, residents for many years of Penn township, whose family consisted of six children, namely: Elias, Wilson, Irwin, Christiana W., Effie W., and Charles A. Weaver, deceased.

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PETER P. MARSH.

Peter P. Marsh, of Montoursville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, who is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends for his many excellencies of character, was born in Muncy township, Lycoming county, on a farm known as the twin farm, February 4, 1822.

George Marsh, father of Peter P. Marsh, was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, February 12, 1779. He resided on a farm in Gun township, whereon he conducted extensive operations until 1837, in which year he moved to Manchester, Ohio, where the remainder of his days were spent. His wife, Margaret (Friebly) Marsh, born April 12, 1792, bore him the following named children: Mary, born July 13, 1810, died January 9, 1844; George W., born March 3, 1812, died February 25, 1853; Elizabeth, born November 30, 1813, died October 9, 1900; Adam, born ———— 26, 1815, died March 20, 1895; John, born May 5, 1817, died September 15, 1842; Catherine, born April 30, 1819, died June 19, 1858; Peter P., born February 4, 1822; Abram, born November 12, 1825, died January 16, 1901; Samuel, born July 18, 1826, resides in Knoxville, Illinois; Margaret, born July 2, 1827, died March 21, 1861; Jacob, born April 3, 1829, died May 22, 1863; Christopher, born November 24, 1830, resided in Manchester, Summit county.



Ohio; Sarah, born April 2, 1832, resides in Knoxville, Illinois. The death of the parents of these children occurred, respectively, February 12, 1864, and March 31, 1875.

Peter P. Marsh attended the common schools of Muncy township, and his boyhood was spent in the same manner as the majority of boys reared in the country. During the early years of his life his parents removed to the Lloyd farm, whereon they resided three years, and in 1832 located on the Brindle farm, remaining there one year, then removed to the Burrows farm, where they made their home until April, 1837, when they moved to Green township, Star county, Ohio. He remained under the parental roof for ten more years, at the expiration of which time he returned to Montoursville, Pennsylvania, and for fourteen months served in the capacity of school teacher. He then returned to his parents' home in Ohio, but two years later, becoming possessed of the gold fever, which was prevalent at that time, went to Wellesville, Ohio, where he took a steamboat for St. Joseph, Missouri. He arrived there on the first day of April, 1850, and they at once rigged up wagons and started for California. He arrived in Hangtown, now called Placerville, in August, being ninety-two days on the road, and after remaining there one week and not securing any employment, started for Sacramento, but not meeting with any better success there, after one week started for Nevada, where he went to work at mining, continuing thus for a period of four years.

Mr. Marsh then returned to his parents' home in Ohio, but after a visit of a month there went to Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, remaining there one month, and then returned to Nevada, where he again took up the occupation of mining and continued at this work for three years. He then returned to Montoursville, Lycoming county, purchasing one-half of the store belonging to A. Banker Bubb, which he conducted until

March, 1859, when he disposed of his interest to Harry Baston. He then purchased a boat and engaged in boating on the Pennsylvania Canal, continuing this occupation until 1856, and subsequently purchased a lot and house known as the postoffice building on Broad street, Montoursville, where he has resided ever since.

On December 13, 1860, Mr. Marsh was united in marriage to Margaret E. Weaver, who was born April 14, 1843, a daughter of William and Margaret Weaver, who resided in Montoursville, Pennsylvania. Their children were: Annie, born September 30, 1861, died June 19, 1896, was the wife of Peter M. Swartz, and mother of one son, Charles F. Marsh; Jennie N., born July 21, 1864, became the wife of William Trump, Jr., and they are the parents of one daughter, Margaret; Sarah A., born December 29, 1867, became the wife of J. C. Carpenter, and their child, Bertha, died at the age of eleven months; Emma Louisa, born October 3, 1870, became the wife of Peter M. Swartz, no issue. The mother of these children, who was a woman of most estimable character, died February 15, 1901.

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#### ISAAC KURTZ.

Isaac Kurtz, an honored and esteemed citizen of Lycoming county, who resided in the town of Montgomery, a son of Isaac D. and Mary (Brown) Kurtz, was born in the vicinity of Milton, Pennsylvania, August 22, 1831. He attended the common schools of the neighborhood, and his entire active career was noted for the utmost honesty and integrity in his dealings with his fellow-men. He was a prominent member of the Grange, and in politics a supporter of the Republican party.

Mr. Kurtz was united in marriage to Mary A. Brown, who was born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1834, and they

reared a family of eight children, as follows: Elizabeth, born February 13, 1859, became the wife of John Gruver, and four children have been born to them: Ralph, November 3, 1883; Clarence, March 1, 1885; Mary, December 8, 1886; and Elias M., April 1, 1896; they reside in Clinton township. Emma, born April 18, 1860, became the wife of Henry Gruver, and their family consists of three children: Harry L., born October 31, 1882; Charles M., born March 6, 1885, and Clyde K., born April 25, 1892. They reside in Montgomery. Ada S., born April 19, 1862, became the wife of Harry Reed, of Montgomery, a machinist; no issue. John A., who was born in 1864, and is deceased. Edwin, born October 6, 1866, deceased. Rebecca R., born November 4, 1869. William M., born October 31, 1872. Harry E., born July 11, 1876. The three latter named reside on the farm formerly the property of Harry Rentz, which William purchased in 1902, and which he has cultivated to a high state of perfection.

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PETER HESS.

Industry, perseverance and energy were the chief characteristics in the career of Peter Hess, a farmer of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, whose broad acres yielded a plentiful harvest, from the proceeds of which he accumulated a fair competence which he enjoyed during his declining years. He was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1815, a son of Jacob and Hannah (Knorr) Hess, whose family consisted of nine children, namely: Abbie, Reuben, Peter, Samuel, Joseph, Elizabeth, Susan, Frederick and John. Jacob Hess (father) was a farmer and wagonmaker, and his residence in Lycoming county dated back to the year 1817, when he removed from Columbia county, having previously settled there from Berks county. Jacob Hess died May 5, 1843, and his widow in 1848.

Peter Hess acquired a good education in the common schools adjacent to his home, and for ten years thereafter followed the occupation of milling, after which he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. He was a staunch adherent of the principles of Democracy, and was an earnest advocate of all measures that tend toward the growth and development of the community in which he resided. He died in December, 1900.

In 1840 Mr. Hess married Ellen Endy, whose death occurred December 5, 1851. Their children were: Hannah, born February 15, 1841; Mary, born July 24, 1843; Abner, born March 29, 1846; Lucy, born April 10, 1848; and Abigail, born October 31, 1849. In 1857 Mr. Hess married Matilda Berger, and for six years thereafter they resided in Clinton township, after which he disposed of his property, having been washed out by the flood, the ice being piled up as high as his house. Seven children were the issue of this union, as follows: Emily N., born September 17, 1859, died December 9, 1899; she was the wife of Kinsey Smith, and their children were: Leonidas C., born January 28, 1884; Merton V., born January 6, 1886; Mary H., born May 6, 1888; Thomas H., born January 16, 1890; Barrie C., born July 12, 1892; Harold W., born October 14, 1894; and Gladys M., born April 5, 1896. Laura F., born June 19, 1862, died July 21, 1867. Wilson P., born December 27, 1863, died February 17, 1876. Ella G., born November 10, 1866, unmarried, resides at home with her mother. Carrie M., born April 9, 1869, unmarried, resides at home and is engaged as school teacher. Clinton C., born November 16, 1871, married Emma Yeagle, and they are the parents of seven children; he is a farmer by occupation. Cora A., born June 10, 1875, became the wife of William Gross, and their family consists of three children; he resides at Hanover, and is engaged in the table works as finisher.

## NATHANIEL C. JOHNSON.

Nathaniel C. Johnson, one of the prominent, influential and highly respected citizens of Montoursville, who was actively identified with several important enterprises, and whose efforts have materially added to the growth and development of that section of Lycoming county, was born November 23, 1814, in Dutchess county, New York, a son of Charles and Hannah (Cronk) Johnson, natives of that county, who passed away when their son Nathaniel C. was only six years of age, the boy then finding a home with his uncle, Moses Johnson, a resident of Tioga county, Pennsylvania, with whom he remained until he attained his majority.

Nathaniel C. Johnson was a student in the subscription schools and Wellsboro Academy, and thus acquired an education which prepared him for an active and useful career. In 1835 he came to Lycoming county and was employed by Mr. Gates Wilcox in lumbering on Pine creek, and two years later he removed to Montoursville and continued the same business for his employer on Loyalsock creek. On March 20, 1850, Mr. Johnson built a sawmill on Bear creek in Plunkett's Creek township, and at once engaged in the manufacture and sale of lumber, his operations meeting with a large degree of success. By reliable methods and strict integrity in all business transactions he amassed a considerable fortune, a portion of which was expended in the purchase of over one thousand acres of timber lands and a fine farm in Fairfield township. He was one of the original stockholders of the City National Bank of Williamsport, was a charter member of the Montoursville Manufacturing Company, and an original stockholder of the Williamsport and Binghampton Railroad. Mr. Johnson always firmly upheld the candidates and measures advocated by the Republican party, and was chosen by his





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fellow citizens to fill a number of township offices, the duties of which he discharged with credit to himself and with satisfaction to his constituents. He was a member of Eureka Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of Montoursville, and a charter member.

Mr. Johnson was married in 1857 to Anna Moyer, daughter of Michael Moyer, of Fairfield township, and one child was born to them, Mary Ellen, who became the wife of William H. Belles, and their children are: Elsie May and Ernest Nathaniel Belles. Mr. Johnson attended the Lutheran church, of which his wife is a member.



#### SAMUEL L. ZELLERS.

Samuel L. Zellers, of Montgomery, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, proprietor of a general store, in which he has achieved a large degree of financial success, is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Linn) Zellers, and a descendant of an old and honored German ancestry.

He attended the common schools of the neighborhood until he was fourteen years of age, when he began work with his father at cabinet making, remaining at the same employment for a period of eight years. After his marriage he resided for one year south of Muncy Station, after which he purchased a lot from Abraham and Charles Heilman, upon which he erected a shop, which he conducted until 1870, in the meantime residing in one room, and in the summer of that year he erected a comfortable house, in which he resided for twenty years. At the expiration of this period of time he purchased a lot in Montgomery, erected a house with a store on the first floor, and has resided there ever since. In all of these enterprises he exhibited that wise foresight, great energy and strong common sense which are the leading traits of his business character.

On December 27, 1867, Mr. Zellers married Emily App, a daughter of Mathias and Crusella (Lemon) App. Their children are: Anna May, born September 2, 1869, became the wife of Elmer Rupert, and their children are: Samuel Cloyd, born February 1, 1891; and Emily, born October 11, 1894; they reside in Montgomery, and Mr. Rupert is employed in the table factory. Clinton Mathias, born March 31, 1873, married Ella Williams, and they are the parents of three children: Rebecca B., born July 11, 1899; Merrill, born March 26, 1902; and Rosemond, born February 1, 1904; they reside at Montgomery, and Mr. Zeller is the proprietor of a store wherein are sold furniture, sewing machines and pianos. Elmer B., born January 17, 1875, married Georgianna Gortner, and their children are: Elizabeth Anita, born October 31, 1899; Lawrence Raymond, born June 11, 1901; and Catherine, born May 22, 1904; they reside at Montgomery, where Mr. Zeller is successfully engaged in the livery business.

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CHARLES L. LITTLE.

Charles L. Little, who is prominently and actively identified with the political, agricultural and social interests of Hughesville, Lycoming county, where he was born August 10, 1845, is a man of great strength of character, of pleasing personality, and his reliable methods of business have brought to him a large degree of prosperity. His parents were James S., who died at the age of seventy-five years, and Elizabeth Little, who passed away at the age of seventy-nine years, eight years subsequent to the decease of her husband. The Little family were residents of New Jersey until 1802, in which year they settled near Eagles Mere, Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, where they took up property which they claimed for a home.

The educational advantages enjoyed by Charles L. Little were obtained in the common schools of Lycoming county. The first nineteen years of his life were spent on the Little homestead, which is located near Glen Mawr, and for almost the same period of time he has resided on the farm, which he has cultivated to a high state of perfection and which yields him a goodly return for the labor expended on it. With the competence acquired from his extensive operations, Mr. Little has purchased property in Picture Rocks whereon he is building a home, in which he intends to spend his declining years in the enjoyment of ease and comfort, a fitting sequel for years of toil and activity. The esteem and confidence in which he is held by his fellow citizens is evidenced by the fact that he was chosen to serve in the capacity of auditor of Shrewsbury township, also school director, which office he held for eleven years; assessor in Wolf township, his term extending over a period of three years, and enumerator for census during the years 1880-1890-1900.

Mr. Little was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. McClintock, who was born in Penn township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and the following named children were the issue: N. M., born 1868; Celina, born 1870, died at her home, 1887; Theodore, born 1872; Lizzie, born 1874; D. Brady, born 1877, a graduate of Juniata College, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, and for the past year engaged in teaching school at Picture Rocks; he resides at home with his parents; Elsie L., born 1885, resides at home. N. M., Theodore and Lizzie are married, and have made homes for themselves.



#### WILLIAM MARKWOOD MATCHETT.

The Matchett family, of Powls Valley, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, is descended from an early settler in that section of the state, Penna. Matchett, grandfather of the subject of this sketch.

George Varnes Matchett, William M. Matchett's father, was born in Powls Valley in 1837. He attended school in Waynesville, Pennsylvania, and after the completion of his studies he served an apprenticeship at the shoemaker's trade. Locating in Matamoras, this state, he was engaged in the manufacture of high-grade footwear for a period of about forty years, and for the past five years has carried on a farm of eighty-one acres in the vicinity of Waynesville, which is owned by his son, William M. Matchett. In politics George V. Matchett is a Republican. His religious affiliations are with the United Brethren. His first wife was Margaret Zimmerman. She died and he married for his second wife Ellen Shammo, daughter of Henry Shammo, of Halifax, Pennsylvania. His children, all of whom were born of his first union, are: Alice, Clara, Sherman (deceased), William Markwood, Anna, Margaret and Charles. Alice is the wife of Theodore Wilvert, of Abilene, Kansas, and has four children. Clara is the wife of Robert Mitchell, of New Berry, Pennsylvania, and had one child, who died in infancy. Anna married Edward Remberger and is now residing in Redland, California, having five children. Margaret is the wife of Joseph Miller, of New Berry, and has six children. Charles, who is now chief telegraph operator for the New York Central Railway Company at Corning, New York, married Martha Reinard, and has one son, Robert.

William Markwood Matchett was born in Powls Valley, June 21, 1869. His studies in the public schools of Matamoras were supplemented with a course at Potts College, Williamsport, this state. Having acquired a knowledge of mechanical engineering, he was employed as an engineer in the sawmill of Wilmotquinn, Sherman and Company at Sinamahoning, and later in the same capacity by John D. Shirk, in Wistar, Pennsylvania. In 1890 he went to New Berry Junction, where he

studied telegraphy under the tutorship of John W. Foster for a period of four months, at the expiration of which he secured a position as car clerk for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company and was shortly afterward promoted to that of assistant station agent at New Berry. He subsequently served as ticket agent and operator at Montoursville for two years; station agent at Brandonville for four years; joint station agent at Quakake for the Pennsylvania and other railway lines passing that point for several years; and from the last-named place he went to Haucks, Pennsylvania, as agent, weigh-master and yard-master for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, and the Central Railroad of New Jersey. The latter position he resigned in 1904, and relinquished the railway service. Returning to Montoursville he purchased the business and good will of Messrs. Diehl and Weaver, merchant tailors and clothiers, and immediately familiarizing himself with that line of trade is now conducting a profitable and steadily increasing business under the firm name of W. M. Matchett and Company.

During his long period of railway service he managed to save a considerable portion of his earnings, which he has invested judiciously, and in addition to his business enterprise in Montoursville he owns the valuable farm previously referred to. He is a Master Mason, belonging to Cattawisa Lodge No. 349, and also affiliates with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Protective Order of Sons of America. In politics he acts with the Republican party. He attends the Lutheran church.

On July 31, 1896, Mr. Matchett was joined in marriage with Miss Katie Z. Hall, daughter of J. Collins Hall. Their children are: Virginia, born July 31, 1897; Francis E., born October 5, 1898; and Mary M., born April 7, 1900.

J. Collins Hall, Katie Z. Hall's father, was born in Fairfield Centre,



Lycoming county, in 1828. He came to Montoursville at the age of eighteen and learned the carpenter's trade, in which town he resided until his death in 1903. He married, in 1864, Mary E. Hall, of Dakota, Illinois, and of this union there are five children: Virginia F., Katie Z., Roscoe C., Laura A. and A. Monroe. J. Collins Hall was a man of sterling character and sound sense. He was a Republican in politics and was connected with the Lutheran church. In his working days he had the contracts for many of Montoursville's fine residences and accumulated quite a bit of property of his own, among which is the residence occupied by his widow on the corner of Broad and Montour streets. He was a stanch Republican.

Katie Z. Hall was born in Montoursville August 12, 1873. She attended the public schools of that place until she graduated from the high school in 1890, after which she learned the tailoring trade.

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#### LEONIDAS C. KINSEY.

Leonidas C. Kinsey, a retired business man of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, traces his ancestry to the English Quakers who emigrated with William Penn, and to Irish Protestants of Scotch blood.

John Kinsey, father of Leonidas C. Kinsey, born August 12, 1804, at Summer Hill, Columbia county, came from Beach Haven, Luzerne county, to Clinton Mills, Lycoming county, a village three-fourths mile north of the borough of Montgomery, in 1836, and engaged in store-keeping there until the year 1841, when he returned to Beach Haven. Three years afterwards he returned to Clinton Mills, resuming his work there, in which he continued until his death, August 15, 1879. He was a Democrat in politics, and was treasurer of Lycoming county for one term. In religion he was a stanch Methodist for the greater part of

his adult life and did much to promote the cause of that church. In the days of his young manhood he was a major in the state militia, holding two commissions from Governor Ritner.

His wife, Mary Bigart (Campbell) Kinsey, who was born October 18, 1803, died December 25, 1880, was a daughter of James Campbell, who died at Beach Haven in 1864.

Nine children were born to them, viz: Panthea Malvina, born April 6, 1828, deceased; Milton Britton, born January 10, 1830, deceased; James Campbell, born January, 1832, deceased; Carolan John, born October 7, 1833, deceased; Susan Margaret, born April 13, 1836, deceased; Mary Ermina, born June 12, 1839, deceased; Emma Hale, born August 28, 1841, deceased; Leonidas Campbell, born June 30, 1844, mentioned at length hereinafter; and Harriet Adela, born August 10, 1847, and who resides with him.

Leonidas Campbell Kinsey was born at Beach Haven, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, June 30, 1844. He was educated in the common schools. Having previously learned telegraphy, he was, at the age of eighteen years, employed by the Northern Central Railway at Troy, Bradford county, and at Elmira, New York, as telegrapher, and at Ralston, Pennsylvania, as station agent. He was soon after employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, as telegraphic train despatcher and division operator until 1867. In 1869 he was employed by the Oil Creek and Allegheny River Railway Company in various capacities for several years. In 1872 he entered the civil service of the United States at Washington, D. C., where he remained about fourteen months. In 1873 he removed to Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar of Luzerne county in 1876, and for four years thereafter practiced his profession.

During the early part of the year 1880 he formed a partnership with H. R. Rhoads, of Williamsport, and under a contract with the American Bell Telephone Company of Boston, Massachusetts, introduced into the county of Luzerne the Bell telephone, connecting all the outlying towns of the county with Wilkes Barre, besides erecting an exchange of several hundred telephones in the latter place.

In 1882 he retired from this business and moved to Montgomery, where he still resides. He was burgess of the borough in 1891, and served in the borough council for four years. In 1887 he laid out Kinsey street on the westerly side of the borough, which is rapidly growing into a fine thoroughfare. In 1890 he purchased the site of the flouring mill in Clinton Mills, which mill had but recently been burned, and erected thereon a model milling plant, which he operated for ten years.

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#### HARRISON A. SEWARD.

Harrison A. Seward, of Unityville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born May 13, 1851, at Fairmount Springs, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. He descended from forefathers among the Puritan emigrants of Massachusetts, and before the revolutionary war period they settled in Pennsylvania, near Allentown.

Enos Seward (father) was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in August, 1804. He only received a limited education. In his religious belief he was a Universalist. Politically he was an old line Whig, and his public service was confined to township offices. He married Emeline Waltman, of Dutch descent, born March 22, 1822. She had eighteen brothers and sisters. Four of her brothers served three years in the civil war, and another brother served in the same conflict two years, all returning to their homes at the close of the war. Enos Seward and

his brothers were heavy contractors and builders of a large portion of the Lehigh Valley railroad in 1830-31. He finally settled in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1854.

Harrison A. Seward was one of six children in his parents' family. He attended the common schools of his native county and was employed at farm labor and at school teaching. He commenced to teach when he was eighteen years of age, following that occupation during the winter months and working on the farm during the summer season until 1882. When twenty-three years of age he was made toll collector of the Susquehanna bridge at Nanticoke, Pennsylvania, and served as such for three years. In 1882 he embarked in mercantile pursuits in a small way in Fairmount township, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania. In 1887 he sold this business, and in the following spring resumed the role of a merchant, locating in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he still operates as a merchant. Politically Mr. Seward is a Republican. In 1890 he was elected a justice of the peace for Jordan township, in which capacity he served three successive terms, declining the fourth nomination. In religious faith he is a Methodist, of which denomination he is a member. He is an honored member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Seward married at Berwick, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1884, Lillian Sanders, whose education was obtained in the common schools. Before her marriage she was a teacher in the public schools. Her parents were George and Elizabeth (Douglass) Sanders, of Scotch-Irish descent. The father was killed at Deep Bottom, after the end of three years continual service in the rebellion, while awaiting his final discharge. The mother of Mrs. Seward is still living.

Mrs. Seward was appointed postmistress at Unityville, Pennsylvania, by James A. Gary, postmaster-general, April 22, 1897, and is still serving in that capacity.

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MRS. ANNIE J. W. SHEADLE.

Mrs. Annie J. Sheadle (nee Wilson), formerly a successful educator and now the wife of A. Tyson Sheadle, of Jersey Shore, is a lineal descendant on the maternal side of John (1) Hays and his wife, Jane (Love) Hays, who emigrated from Ireland in 1730. They settled first in Chester county, Pennsylvania, but some time later removed to that part of Bucks county which was afterward set apart as Northampton county, where John Hays died at the age of eighty-five years, in 1789. John and Jane Hays were the parents of four daughters and five sons. The sons were John (2), Robert, James, Francis and William, all of whom served in the Continental army during the revolutionary war, except William. John (2) Hays, Mrs. Sheadle's grandfather, was commissioned captain and rendered distinguished service in the cause of national independence. He was married in 1771 to Jane Walker, and had a family of six sons and four daughters. The third son, Richard (3) Hays, Mrs. Sheadle's maternal grandfather, was a hatter by trade, and was for a number of years engaged in manufacturing hats at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, from whence he removed to a farm in Lycoming county. He married Christina, daughter of John Ralston, and of this union there were six sons and four daughters. One of the latter, Mary Anne (4) Hays, became the wife of John H. Wilson, and the only child of this union is Annie J., who is now Mrs. Sheadle. Her father was born in Bath, Northampton county, in 1811. He married in 1844 and later moved to Cogan Station, Lycoming

county, where he resided for seven years, and in 1864 moved to Jersey Shore, where he resided until his death in 1896. Mrs. Sheadle's mother died in 1885. Both are buried in Jersey Shore cemetery.

Annie J. Wilson was born at Cogan Station February 27, 1853, and her preliminary education was acquired in the schools of that locality. She concluded her studies at the State Normal School in Bloomsburg, and, turning her attention to educational pursuits, was for some time an efficient teacher in the public schools. On March 25, 1897, she was united in marriage with A. Tyson Sheadle. Mr. Sheadle was born in Limestone township, Lycoming county, October 14, 1858, son of Jacob and Mary (Treat) Sheadle. His parents, who were natives of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, settled in Limestone township in 1856. They had a family of six children, namely: J. Woodward, now of Williamsport; A. Tyson, Adah, Lydia, Belle and Justa. A. Tyson Sheadle began his studies in the schools of Limestone township, and completed his education at the Muncy Normal School. He has made agriculture his principal occupation. Since 1898 Mr. and Mrs. Sheadle have resided in Jersey Shore.

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#### LUCIUS H. WILLARD.

Lucius H. Willard, son of Levi H. and Chloe (Wilson) Willard, was born July 5, 1845, at West Windsor, Vermont. He is of English descent, the Willards coming to this country from England about 1690, the branch from which our subject descended first settling in Connecticut. His father died February 15, 1877, aged sixty-nine years, and his mother May 22, 1888, aged seventy-five years.

When Lucius H. Willard was fourteen years old his parents moved to Rutland county, Vermont, where he was reared and educated. He learned the machinist's trade, and for some time had charge of the build-



ing and machinery of a large woolen mill at Proctorsville, Windsor county, Vermont. He then operated on his own account, for fourteen years, a foundry and machine shop at Rutland, Vermont. This he continued for some time, and then engaged as a traveling salesman, and in that business found his way to Jersey Shore in 1895. That place was at that time in a stage of arrested development, lacking some one to wake it to a realization of its possibilities. Mr. Willard saw the situation and set about its betterment with his Yankee genius and foresight. At that time there was no theatre in the town, and where the present one stands was an unsightly ruin, the remains of the old Presbyterian church, which had been destroyed by fire some time before. Mr. Willard purchased the property, and in a short space of time the beautiful and commodious opera house of today had taken the place of the blackened walls of the old church. This theatre has a seating capacity of about eight hundred, and is equipped with beautiful scenery, electric lights and all other modern appliances. On the ground floor of the building are two store rooms, occupied by a department store, in which was used the first plate glass front in the town. Office rooms occupy a place on the second floor. Mr. Willard was the prime mover in the enterprise of lighting the borough by electricity. In 1897 he contracted for fifty lights for his opera house as an inducement to organize the electric plant.

In 1864 Mr. Willard was united in marriage with Lucy Eddy, daughter of John L. and Sarah Eddy, of Rutland, Vermont. Of this marriage were born five children: Harry, Albert, Charles, Lewellyn and Mabel, now Mrs. William Terrel. The family all reside in Rutland, where the sons are engaged in business. During the civil war Mr. Willard enlisted for three years and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He is a member of Rutland Lodge No. 29, I. O. O. F., and of the G. A. R. at Rutland.

## W. ASHER BENNETT.

W. Asher Bennett, proprietor of the Bennett Hotel, Jersey Shore, is a representative of an old and highly estimable family of Susquehanna township, Lycoming county, where his birth took place June 3, 1867. His grandfather, George Bennett, who was one of the pioneers in that locality, at one time owned nearly the entire township. His parents, Thomas and Amanda (Yeager) Bennett, were natives of Susquehanna township, and his father was a well-to-do farmer. Thomas Bennett was one of the progressive men of his locality who participated actively in local public affairs, and served with ability in most of the important township offices. He died in 1889 and his wife died ten years later. Their family consisted of eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity, and of these the only ones now living are Oscar, Gussie and W. Asher. The others were Oliver, Ellsworth, Charles, Howard, George and Harry.

After completing his education, which was acquired in the public schools, W. Asher Bennett learned telegraphy and became an operator in the service of the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad Company. In 1885 he accepted the responsible position of chief train dispatcher on the New York Central and Hudson River Railway, and continued in that capacity to the company's entire satisfaction for a period of eighteen years, when he resigned. In 1902 he purchased his present hotel in Jersey Shore, which was erected in the previous year by W. S. Dunkle, and in 1905 he enlarged and improved the property. The Bennett is centrally located and finely equipped as regards furniture, fixtures and modern conveniences. It has ample accommodations for the average number of travelers, and its dining-room is capable of seating seventy-five guests. In his new line of business the proprietor has become deservedly popular,

and his long connection with the railway service, in which he acquired a large number of friends and acquaintances among the traveling public, is sufficient to insure for him a liberal patronage.

Mr. Bennett has served in the borough council two consecutive terms, having been one of the first members from the third ward after its addition to the borough, and he is now a member of the board of assessors. His fraternity affiliations are with Jersey Shore Lodge No. 101, I. O. O. F. In 1897 he was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie B. Smith, of Beach Creek township.

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#### CLINTON L. THOMAS.

The Thomas family, of which Clinton L. Thomas is a worthy representative in the present generation, was founded in America by John Thomas, who was born in England, July 25, 1770, and during his boyhood crossed the Atlantic Ocean, settling in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He served an apprenticeship at the trade of cutler, and when proficient therein accompanied his brothers—George, Jesse, Thomas, Samuel and William—to Piatt township, Lycoming county. They purchased the old iron furnace on Larry's creek about 1798, which they operated for several years, and then disposed of to Tomb and Slonaker. His wife, Mary (Murphy) Thomas, whom he married December 24, 1797, bore him fourteen children. Mr. Thomas met his death by being thrown from a sleigh on February 20, 1843.

John Thomas, Jr., son of John and Mary (Murphy) Thomas, was born at the Forge on Larry's creek, June 11, 1811. During his boyhood and young manhood he assisted with the labors on the farm, for five years was employed in the saw mill in Loyalsock township which was operated by Manning Stevenson, then followed farming and



*Clinton L. Thomas*



lumbering on Larry's creek, and subsequently embarked in the mercantile business at Salladasburg, which he continued for over thirty years. He married Mary Ann Cowdrick, daughter of Isaac Cowdrick, and eleven children were born to them. Mr. Thomas died February 18, 1891.

Charles Thomas, son of John and Mary Ann (Cowdrick) Thomas, followed the occupations of farmer and lumberman throughout the active years of his life. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Tackenberg, and they were the parents of ten children. Their deaths occurred respectively in 1878 and 1875.

William Thomas, son of Charles and Elizabeth (Tackenberg) Thomas, was born in Mifflin township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1829. He resided in his native county until he attained the age of twenty-three when he went to California, where he remained three years. Upon his return home, he engaged in the mill business at Millville, operating the same for nine years, then selling it and purchasing the Montgomery Mills, which he conducted until 1885, when he sold them to his two sons: Charles H. and Allen E. Thomas. In January, 1856, Mr. Thomas married Margaret J. Williamson, who bore him the following named children: James E., Allen E., Charles H., Clinton L., Harry H., William W., Maude and Nellie. The father of these children died February 2, 1898.

Clinton L. Thomas, son of William and Margaret J. (Williamson) Thomas, was born January 4, 1864. He is indebted to the common school system for his educational advantages, and after laying aside his school books at the age of sixteen he engaged in farming, which line of work he has continued up to the present time (1905). By close application to his work he has succeeded in giving his family a comfortable home, and he has also been enabled to lay by a competence for his



declining years. He is a Republican in politics and member of the Methodist church. Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Alma Buckley, of Virginia, born July 21, 1871, a daughter of Thomas and Lizzie (Sullivan) Buckley. Their children are: Gertrude, born August 13, 1894; Rae, born September 19, 1897; William, born December 29, 1899; Vincent, born July 24, 1901, and Frank, born July 24, 1904.



#### HENRY STAMM.

Henry Stamm, deceased, who was one of the leading and substantial business men of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born in Germany in 1833, where he was reared and educated and there learned his trade of barber. In 1865 he left his native country, sailing for these shores, settling in Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, and contributed largely to the upbuilding of that place. He was a barber of no mean repute, and worked at his trade in Jersey Shore for thirty-three years, and during this period made many warm and lasting friends. Beginning on a small scale, by industry and economy he succeeded in laying the foundation of an excellent business and earned an excellent competence. He erected five fine residences in Jersey Shore, besides being the owner of other valuable property.

January 31, 1867, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Landman, who was born in Germany in 1847, the daughter of Jacob and Gertrude Landman, and emigrated to this country with her parents in 1860. Upon their arrival they located in Jersey Shore, and later removed to Nippenose Valley. Jacob Landman was a farmer by occupation. He and his wife were the parents of three children: Sophia, Elizabeth and Christian, of whom Elizabeth is the only surviving one.

The death of Henry Stamm occurred in 1899. In his decease the community lost a valuable and influential citizen, and his wife a kind and loving husband.

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MATTHEW FOX.

Matthew Fox, deceased, who for many years was actively identified with the varied business interests of Lycoming county, and noted for his integrity and uprightness of character, was a native of Germany, born at Reitlingen, Wurtemberg, October 22, 1832, a son of John and Mary E. (Brown) Fox.

John Fox (father) was also a native of Germany, in which country he was reared, educated and married, and from whence he emigrated to the United States in 1840. He was a miller by trade in his native land, but after his arrival here settled on a farm in Shrewsbury township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming as a means of livelihood. His wife, Mary E. (Brown) Fox, who was born in the same city in Germany in which her husband was born, Reitlingen, bore him two children: Matthew, mentioned hereinafter; and John, who is a lumber manufacturer in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, being the proprietor of a planing mill and other plants necessary for this line of work. John Fox (father) died in the borough of Hughesville, and his wife died on the homestead farm.

Matthew Fox was eight years of age when his parents emigrated to this country, and being a bright, intelligent boy, was able to read and write German at that early age, and the knowledge he obtained in his native land was supplemented by a course of study in the district school in Shrewsbury township, Lycoming county. He turned his attention to farming and lumbering, following the latter occupation

throughout all the years of his active career, and in 1875 came to Hughesville and there conducted a hotel, known as the American House, in connection with the above named pursuits. He was energetic and persevering, honest and conscientious in all transactions, and therefore merited the success which attended his efforts. As a citizen he was active and alert, aiding to the best of his ability every enterprise that tended toward the progress of the town and the welfare of its residents. He held membership in the Lutheran church, to the maintenance of which he was a liberal contributor. He was a member of Muncy Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and his political affiliations were with the Democratic party, the principles of which he firmly advocated during his lifetime.

Mr. Fox married, May 12, 1850, Mary E. Gundrum, who was born on a farm near Jersey Shore and was six months of age when her parents moved to a farm in Wolf township, where she lived until about fourteen years old, when her father moved to a farm near Hall's Station, Pennsylvania, and there she met and married Mr. Fox. Her father, Samuel Gundrum, son of John Gundrum, was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, and died at Duboistown, Pennsylvania, about 1895. He married Catherine Buch, who was born on a farm near Watsontown, Pennsylvania, and died about 1840. She was a daughter of John Buch, a native of Germany, a farmer, and one of the old settlers of his section of the state. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fox, namely: George W., who is engaged in the railroad business, and is also a merchant in Potter county; he married Florence Allen, of Montoursville, Pennsylvania, and their children are: Mildred, William A., Gertrude, deceased; Helen, Robert, and Kenneth Fox. Caroline, unmarried, resides at home. Mary M., unmarried, resides at home. John B., unmarried, resides at home. Samuel E., married Mrs. Rebecca Van

Dyke. Alberta, unmarried, resides at home. Matthew Fox, father of these children, died at his home in Hughesville, in July, 1878. His widow and family reside in a beautiful and commodious home on Second street, Hughesville, and enjoy the acquaintance of a number of the representative people of that town.

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#### G. M. KELLER.

G. M. Keller, one of the enterprising young business men of Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born in Lockhaven, Pennsylvania, August, 1864, the son of Peter W. and Elizabeth (Schied) Keller, both natives of Germany, who emigrated to this country in 1847, locating in Lockhaven, Pennsylvania. Peter W. Keller was actively and extensively engaged in the lumber business, subsequently becoming a contractor of some repute. One of his most notable contracts was the laying of the water pipes at Lockhaven. He was an excellent business man, and was held in the highest regard by his fellow citizens. He served one term as treasurer of Clinton county, and was a worthy member of the Masonic fraternity. During his life of usefulness and industry he accumulated a fortune, which at his death, which occurred in 1892, was left by will to his widow, who now resides in Lockhaven. Of the four children of whom Mr. and Mrs. Peter Keller were the parents, three survive: W. H., Elizabeth and G. M.

G. M. Keller was reared in Lockhaven, Pennsylvania, there receiving his educational training. There he entered into an apprenticeship to learn the trade of jeweler, later removing to Philadelphia, where he completed his term. In 1887 he returned to his native town, where he opened a jewelry store, in the conduct of which he was engaged, being attended with considerable success until 1902, when he removed to Jer-

sey Shore. In his establishment in that place Mr. Keller carries a full and complete line of sporting goods and phonographs, besides attending to his ever increasing patronage in the jewelry line.

Mr. Keller has held the position of watch inspector for the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company since 1902. He is a thoroughly capable mechanic, and discharges the duties of this responsible position with the greatest efficiency and credit. Mr. Keller is certainly to be congratulated upon his well-deserved and gratifying success in his chosen line of business.

Mr. Keller is a member of the Royal Arcanum. He has in his possession a large and valuable collection of Indian relics.

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ROBERT H. BASTIAN.

Prominent among the old and well-known residents of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and those who have contributed in a large degree to the upbuilding of the town, is Robert H. Bastian, who was there born, in White Deer Valley, December 17, 1855, the son of Peter and Mary (Harris) Bastian, and grandson of Frederick Bastian. Frederick Bastian and his wife were natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, who emigrated to this country, locating in White Deer Valley, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in the early days of its settling. Frederick was a cooper by trade, and a manufacturer of flour barrels. The children born to him and his wife were: George, William, Abraham, Joseph, Robert, Washington and Peter, all of whom served in the war of the rebellion; besides these were Charles, James, Dallas, Peggy, Hettie, Elizabeth, Susanna and Martha, and four who died in childhood.

Peter Bastian, son of Frederick and father of Robert H. Bastian, was a native of White Deer Valley, and by trade a carpenter, but was

also interested in lumbering and other enterprises. He was a man of sterling qualities and an excellent business man. When the great civil war broke out and the call for volunteers was urgent, he was foremost among those who responded to the call, enlisting in Company H, Fifty-first Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and after three years of active service was honorably discharged. He was united in marriage to Mary Harris, also a native of White Deer Valley, and among the children born to them was Robert H. Bastian, mentioned at length hereinafter. The death of Peter Bastian occurred October 2, 1888, when he was sixty-two years of age. He was a man held in high respect by his fellow townsmen, and in his death the community lost a useful and industrious citizen. He was survived four years by his wife, who died in 1892 at the age of sixty-one years.

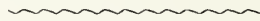
Robert H. Bastian was reared and received his educational training in Antesfort, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. In early life he became identified with the lumber industry in his vicinity. At the inauguration of the Bush Creek Railroad Company, Mr. Bastian became one of their employees, retaining his connection with this company until it was merged into the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, with which concern he is now connected, being employed in the capacity of pipe fitter, discharging the duties of his position with the greatest efficiency and credit, one of the company's valuable men. During his residence in Jersey Shore, to which place he removed in 1885, Mr. Bastian has contributed largely to the upbuilding of the place. He erected three splendid residences in the Third ward, and also the house which is now his residence. The first property he purchased from a Dr. Kline, and this was destroyed by fire December 5, 1899. Undaunted and undiscouraged by this misfortune, Mr. Bastian immediately set himself to the task of rebuilding, and soon erected a modern and



handsome structure on the site. Though by no means a wealthy man, Mr. Bastian has, by dint of honest industry and close application, earned for himself a handsome competence.

Mr. Bastian is a man of excellent business acumen and sterling qualities. He is well known throughout the community, and the fact that he enjoys the confidence and respect of his fellow-townsmen is in some part demonstrated by his election as town constable, in which capacity he served for fifteen years, and two years on the board of health. He is a charter member of Lodge 101, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a past noble grand in that body.

March 17, 1881, Robert H. Bastian was united in marriage to Annie J. Lehman, of Sugar Valley. No children were born of this union. Mrs. Bastian's parents were natives of Germany, who settled in Mosquito Valley when they emigrated to this country. Their children were: John, who died in the civil war; Samuel, Lizzie, Laura, Emma, Augustus, Alexander, Annie J., Mary and Henry, deceased. Mrs. Bastian's maternal grandfather was Alexander Decker, a native of Germany. His wife, Elizabeth, was of German origin, and a most excellent and intelligent woman.



#### CHARLES FORSBORG.

Charles Forsborg, a thrifty mechanic of Jersey Shore, who has been actively concerned in developing the Third ward of that borough, is a native of Sweden and immigrated in 1880.

His parents, John E. and Christine (Thor) Forsborg, immigrated from Sweden in 1891, and are now residing in Jersey Shore. Of their children the only one now living is Charles, the subject of this sketch, who began to learn the blacksmith's trade at the age of fourteen years.

and subsequently followed it as a journeyman in his native country for some years. With the exception of six years spent in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, he has resided in Jersey Shore ever since coming to the United States, and for nearly twenty years has been in the employ of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company as a general blacksmith. As a resident of the Third ward he has been prominently identified with its development, and has erected three buildings, including a store. In politics Mr. Forsborg is a Republican, and has represented his district as a delegate in the assembly convention. His fraternity affiliations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a member and a trustee of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Forsborg was married in Sweden, November 3, 1878, to Miss Hilma P. Harw, who was born in 1860. Her parents, Charles and Ulrich (Thor) Harw, who immigrated in 1894 and reside in Jersey Shore, have had eleven children, seven of whom came to America. Mr. and Mrs. Forsborg have a family of four children, namely: Edmond K., Frank E., Robert G. and Helen E., all of whom were born in Jersey Shore. Edmond K. Forsborg married Miss Leona Walsh, and has one son.

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#### EBENEZER WHITE.

Among the prominent and successful business men of Jersey Shore is Ebenezer White, who has been actively identified with the growth and prosperity of that locality, and whose progressive tendencies were in no small measure instrumental in developing the Third ward district.

Mr. White was born in Jersey Shore, in October, 1837. His parents were Jonathan and Sarah (Hopkins) White, who immigrated from England about the year 1831, settling in Jersey Shore, and his

grandfather, William White, who soon followed them, spent his declining years in this locality.

Jonathan White was for a number of years engaged in the butchering business. In 1856 he purchased a farm in Nipponose township, and for the succeeding twenty years was engaged in the buying and selling of live stock in connection with agriculture. He died in 1876, surviving his wife, whose death occurred in 1873. Jonathan and Sarah (Hopkins) White were the parents of three children.

With the exception of three years spent in the service of his country during the civil war, Ebenezer White has been a life-long resident of Jersey Shore. Educated in the public schools, he began at an early age to assist his father in the butchering business, and was subsequently associated with him in the live stock business. In 1862 he enlisted in the Thirteenth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, for three years' service in the civil war, during which he participated in many notable engagements, and was honorably discharged in August, 1865. Upon his return from the army he resumed the cattle business, continuing in company with his father until the latter's decease, when he turned his attention more exclusively to agricultural pursuits, purchasing a farm of eighty acres situated west of Jersey Shore. He later added a tract of thirty acres to his holdings, and with the extension of the New York Central railway and the establishment of its shops in that locality, his property rapidly increased in value. Taking advantage of the opportunity for developing the locality which eventually became annexed to the borough of Jersey Shore as the Third ward, he subdivided his property into house lots, which sold readily at good prices, and his farm is now occupied by modern residences, some of them being both handsome and pretentious. Some time since Mr. White retired from active business pursuits.

In 1878 Mr. White married Miss Sarah J. Callahan, daughter of William and Nanacy Callahan, of Jersey Shore. Their children are Sarah M., Jonathan N., and Minnie Belle. Sarah M. is now the wife of Dr. R. B. Hayes, an account of whom will be found elsewhere in this work.

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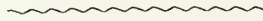
NELSON B. MESSIMER.

Nelson Barnfield Messimer, son of Phillip M. and Harriet Hall (Reigle) Messimer, was born February 4, 1858, at Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of seven children, namely: William L., now living in Fayette county, Pennsylvania; C. O., of the Bermuda Islands; Florence, deceased; Nelson Barnfield, our subject; Howard M.; F. H., a resident of Elmira, New York; P. N., a resident of Jersey Shore. The family is of German descent. The grandfather, Aaron, came from the southeastern part of Pennsylvania and settled in Lycoming county. The maternal grandparents, Reigle, were of Scotch-Irish descent and were old residents of Clinton county.

The subject of our sketch, N. B. Messimer, is a worthy and respected citizen of Jersey Shore, in which place he was reared and educated. At the age of fifteen he entered the employ, as an apprentice, of Jacob Shoup, a carriage blacksmith. After serving his apprenticeship he worked at his trade in Williamsport, remaining there until 1882. Two years of this time he was engaged in the sale of pianos and organs. In 1882, in the month of January, he accepted a position as blacksmith in the Pennsylvania railroad shops at Renovo, Pennsylvania. He remained there until July, 1884, then accepted a similar position with the Beech Creek railroad (New York Central) at Jersey Shore, where he is still employed. In May, 1895, he was made foreman of the black-

smith department, which position he is now filling. His politics are Republican, and he has served his borough in many ways, filling the offices of school director and councilman. He is a member of the Baptist church.

Mr. Messimer married, June 15, 1882, Rebecca Viola Snyder, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Cromley Snyder of Wayne township, Clinton county. They have three children: Charles W. Messimer; Bertha, deceased; and Ward Nelson.



#### JOHN C. GREEN.

John C. Green, a retired business man of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, with the interests of which city he has been actively identified since early manhood, was born at Hughesville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1843.

Richard Green, grandfather of J. C. Green, was one of three brothers whose parents came to America from England and located in the state of New Jersey. When the brothers attained their majority they left the state of their adoption, one locating in Canada, one in Ohio, and Richard (grandfather) about one mile up the Loyalsock creek from Hills Grove, Sullivan county, Pennsylvania. He there purchased a timber tract, erected a saw mill, cleared up a farm of rich creek bottom land and established a home. At the time he located on the Loyalsock there were no roads, simply a path over the mountain from Muncy creek, and he experienced all the hardships and discomforts pertaining to pioneer life. Many choice pine lumber rafts were floated down the Loyalsock to the Susquehanna and sold at points beyond Harrisburg for five dollars per thousand feet. He married Polly Plotts, who bore eleven children, six sons and five daughters.





J. C. Green





Joseph Green, father of J. C. Green, was born on the farm in Hillsgrove township, Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, 1814. In early life he left the old homestead and located at Hughesville, where he learned the trade of blacksmith with Samuel Kohler, and continued that business until 1859, in which year he purchased the homestead of his wife's people in Shrewsbury township, Lycoming county, whereon he resided until January, 1866, devoting his time to agricultural pursuits and lumbering, the timber being secured from his own property. He then moved to McHenry county, Illinois, and purchased a farm in Riley township, which he cultivated for a period of almost twenty years, and then purchased a home in Genoa, Illinois, where he resided until his decease in the year 1898, aged eighty-four years. He married Catharine A. Courson, born January 1, 1818, second eldest daughter of John Courson, of Shrewsbury township, Lycoming county, whose family consisted of eleven children. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Green, four of whom died in early life and the three surviving children are: Mary Elizabeth Hoof, of Chicago, Illinois; Harriet Portner, of Genoa, Illinois, and J. C. Green, of Williamsport. Mrs. Green, mother of these children, is now (1905) nearly eighty-eight years of age. In the summer of 1904 she came alone from Chicago to Williamsport on a visit of three months, which fact demonstrates that her abilities and faculties are not impaired despite her old age, and that she is a most remarkable woman of whom her children should be proud.

John C. Green was educated in the public schools of Hughesville, and in 1864 he took a business course at Eastman's Business College, Poughkeepsie, New York, having taught several winter terms of school prior to the time of his going to Poughkeepsie. Shortly after his return from college he took up his residence in Williamsport at the solicitation of Captain George Webb, the superintendent of what was then the Cata-

wissa railroad, operating from Milton to Port Clinton, with superintendent's office on Pine street north of the Pennsylvania railroad. He took the position of car and ticket agent, assisting J. H. H. Park, then station agent, at special times. On April 1, 1866, Mr. Green and Mr. George S. Eves embarked in the grocery business and continued in partnership for seventeen years, during which time the firm prospered remarkably, their business increasing from a few hundred dollar sales the first year to many thousands of dollars during their business career, and with the profits derived they erected two business houses on Pine street and numerous dwelling houses throughout the city of Williamsport. In 1886 Mr. Green purchased the interest of Mr. Eves, his partner, in the store business and conducted the same successfully until 1890, when he closed out his stock, rented his store room and retired from active business pursuits. Mr. Green served several terms in both branches of council, rendering efficient and faithful service. He was for a number of years a member of the board of overseers of the poor of the city, and is now by appointment one of the jury commissioners. He also served for almost twenty years as one of the directors of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary. He served in the army both times that the state of Pennsylvania was invaded during the civil war, and has in his possession a United States discharge. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Green married, October 24, 1868, Mary Levan, daughter of E. M. D. and Jane (Staub) Levan, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, the former named being deceased. The following named children were born to them: Edward Levan, deceased; Joseph E., deceased; Albert H., deceased; Florence H., deceased; Harry H., Jane L. and Helen M. Green.

## JUDSON R. CAMPBELL.

One of the numerous representatives of the Pennsylvania branch of the Campbells is Judson R. Campbell, of Cammal. Samuel Campbell, whose ancestors, of the famous clan Campbell, had crossed to Ireland (no doubt in consequence of the political agitations of the time), was a native of the northern part of that country, and sought a home in the American colonies at some period prior to the revolutionary war.

Samuel Campbell was one of the pioneers of Pine Creek, and his two sons, John and Robert, settled at Jersey Shore and finally moved to Cammal, where Robert became an extensive lumber dealer as well as farmer. He was converted to the Baptist faith and became one of the well-known preachers of his day. He married Rachel Morrison, and they were the parents of the following children: Samuel, mentioned at length hereinafter; George, Michael, Young, Abner, Robert, John, Jeremiah, Priscilla, Margaret and Elizabeth.

Samuel Campbell, son of Robert and Rachel (Morrison) Campbell, was born in Pine Creek, where he passed his life as a farmer in summer and a lumberman in winter. He married Elizabeth Hostrander, who became the mother of the following children: George, Samuel, Jeremiah, mentioned at length hereinafter; Maria, Sarah, Joel, Elizabeth, Rachel, and some who died in infancy. The parents of these children both passed away in 1872, the father having attained the age of eighty years.

Jeremiah Campbell, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hostrander) Campbell, was born in Pine Creek, where he was the owner of a farm which he cultivated in summer, being occupied during the winter with the duties of a lumberman. He was a raftsman and was known as one of the best river pilots on Pine Creek. He married Lydia Kagle.

by whom he was the father of the following children: Jeremiah, who died in infancy; Jeremiah (2nd); Benjamin F., mentioned at length hereinafter; Ellen, who became the wife of W. H. Walters; James; Jacob; Mary, who was married to Eugene B. Blackwell; and Flora, who was the wife of R. C. Lewis.

Benjamin F. Campbell, son of Jeremiah and Lydia (Kagle) Campbell, was born May 24, 1846, at Cedar Run, and was a shoemaker by trade. This calling he abandoned for the mercantile business in which he was engaged for several years, and in which he is still active at Rawlston, Pennsylvania. He married Catharine Doane, and the following children were born to them: Judson R., mentioned at length hereinafter; Cora E., who is married to W. Raemore; Claud A., who married Elizabeth Kerr; and Carrie, who is the wife of Peter Raemore.

Judson R. Campbell, son of Benjamin F. and Catharine (Doane) Campbell, was born in 1873, and is the proprietor of one of the finest and most comfortably furnished cigar stores and pool rooms in that part of the county, being also the owner of valuable property in Cammal. He has served two terms as school director, and in May, 1905, was elected justice of the peace, thus becoming one of the youngest squires in the county, if not in the state. He was appointed by the state department of health to the office of local register of vital statistics for the district of Cummings, McHenry, Brown and Pine townships, January 1, 1906.

Mr. Campbell married Mary J., daughter of James and Elizabeth Bonnell, and they have been the parents of three children: J. Bruse, Geraldine C., and C. Harold, deceased.

## WILLIAM H. LITTLE.

William H. Little, a prominent citizen of Picture Rocks, proprietor and only surviving member of the firm of John P. Little & Company, was born near Forksville, Sullivan county (then a part of Lycoming county), Pennsylvania, August 15, 1854. He comes of a distinguished ancestry, descended from families which settled in New Jersey about the year 1700, and which were represented in the war for independence by several whose names figure conspicuously in that glorious struggle. Among these were of the Little family three captains—Christopher, Theophilus and Thomas; and of the Polhemus family also two captains—Nathaniel, and Tobias, who was captured at the same time as Captain Thomas Little. After the revolution one of the family, Captain Theophilus Little, moved to what is now Eagles Mere, Lycoming county, and from him are descended the numerous members of the Little family dispersed throughout that and the neighboring county of Sullivan. Captain Theophilus Little and his wife, Mary (Polhemus) Little, were the parents of a family which included Daniel, John, Thomas, Theophilus and Tobias, and other children, names unknown.

Theophilus Little, Jr., son of Captain Theophilus and Mary (Polhemus) Little, was born in New Jersey, December 2, 1776. He accompanied his father upon his removal to a tract of several thousand acres near Eagles Mere, Lycoming county (now Sullivan county), Pennsylvania, where he was reared and educated, and where the father died. Theophilus Little, Jr. (grandfather), married, January 17, 1809, Elizabeth Holmes, born November 7, 1786, died March 29, 1862, a member of an old family of New Jersey extraction, a descendant of Thomas Holmes, who was surveyor-general to William Penn, laid out the city of Philadelphia, and was at one time governor of Pennsylvania. After



marriage Theophilus Little settled on a tract of land near Forksville, which he cultivated and improved, and there reared his family of nine children, namely: Maria, born November 12, 1809; David H., April 17, 1811; Benjamin, December 25, 1812; Ann, June 22, 1815; Clementina, May 10, 1817; John P., May 19, 1820, mentioned hereinafter; Josiah, December 23, 1822; Louisa, March 18, 1825; and Daniel, May 5, 1827. Mr. Little died January 26, 1862, and his remains were interred in the graveyard at Eagles Mere, which was donated to the public.

John Polhemus Little (father) was born near Forksville, now Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1820, and lived to the age of nearly eighty-four years. His life was one of peculiar activity and usefulness. As early as 1843 he taught school in what is now Sullivan county, and later was in business with his two brothers—Josiah and Benjamin—at Forksville, where they conducted a sawmill, rafting their lumber down the Loyalsock creek and Susquehanna river to the market at Harrisburg and other cities. In 1842 he engaged in the manufacture of hubs, sleigh and buggy materials, being one of the first manufacturers of bent wood in the state of Pennsylvania. In 1873 he removed to Picture Rocks, where he continued in the same line of business, which in 1876 was reorganized under the firm name of John P. Little & Company, under which style it is still known. Mr. Little took a deep interest in educational and religious work. For more than sixty-five years he was an earnest worker in the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he held all the official positions, and was an active factor in the camp meetings. In politics he was a Whig, until the dissolution of that party. He also evinced a deep interest in the abolition movement, and became a member of the Republican party at its organization, casting his vote for John C. Fremont, its first presidential candidate. He subsequently took an active interest in the prohibition movement. Mr. Little married

Martha H. Edkin, who was born near Stroudsburg, Monroe county, Pennsylvania, October 23, 1827, daughter of Francis and Mary (Palmer) Edkin, members of the Society of Friends, whose family consisted of the following named children: William, Catherine, Jane, Sarah, Martha H., above mentioned, George, Elias, Mary, Joanna and Eliza Edkin. Martha H. (Edkin) Little was an ideal wife and mother. Her life of devotion and sacrifice deserves a place in this sketch. A portion of her early life was spent in Williamsport, where she lived with her brother, William Edkin. This was then a small village, and her acquaintance included many of the oldest families of today, afterwards removing to her uncle's home near Eagles Mere, where she taught district school and first met her future husband. Having joined the Methodist church, with him she shared in every active work pertaining to the spiritual, social and benevolent enterprises of church and community. While she lived for others, caring for the sick and afflicted, helping the needy and destitute, yet her principal lifework was in her home and family, a combination of energy and loving devotion such as characterizes a great mother. Mr. and Mrs. Little were the parents of the following children:

1. Mary E., born March 18, 1849, became the wife of Michael W. Ferrell, and they reside in Picture Rocks.
2. George E., born October 24, 1850, married Marian Reynolds and resides in Picture Rocks, Pennsylvania. Mr. George E. Little is a man of prominence, being the author of several publications, such as books of instruction on the art chalk and crayon work, and has traveled extensively, lecturing and instructing in the industrial art of chalk and crayon work.
3. Sarah J., born August 26, 1852, who married Samuel R. Sprout. Her death occurred in 1899, at Montrose, Pennsylvania.
4. William H., born August 15, 1854, mentioned hereinafter.
5. Joanna E., born October 20, 1856, became the wife of Clinton N. Molyneux, resides in Picture

Rocks. 6. Clara B., born May 11, 1859, deceased, was the wife of Joseph Y. Rothrock, and died at Picture Rocks in 1890. 7. Catherine F., born January 19, 1862, unmarried. 8. Lucinda, born February 6, 1865, became the wife of Morton I. Sprout, of Picture Rocks. 9. J. Wesley, born August 24, 1867, married Susan Heim, and resides in the vicinity of Philadelphia. He is an artist, and is now (1905) traveling abroad.

John P. Little, father of these children, died at his home in Picture Rocks, January 17, 1904, surviving his wife a number of years, she having passed away December 26, 1889. The funeral of Mr. Little was conducted by the Rev. A. S. Williams, in the presence of a large and deeply affected gathering of relatives and friends. In his discourse the reverend gentleman said: "We have been called together this afternoon by the death of a man whose life stretches across more than three-fourths of a century, a period of time which may be considered the heroic age of our country's history. Brother Little was born near Forksville, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1820. That was before the United States had reached its fiftieth birthday, before the great church to which he belonged was thirty-eight years old. In boyhood he was but a few years distant from our second war for independence. There was no such thing as the locomotive and none of the modern appliances of civilization. \* \* \* To see him at his best and to properly interpret his character and life we must look upon him as he moved and wrought in the religious sphere. What he was he was by the grace of God. He boasted, like Paul: 'I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.' \* \* \*" The discourse included a complete review of Mr. Little's life—a sermon in itself—and made a profound impression.

William H. Little, fourth child and second son of John P. and Martha (Edkin) Little, resided at Forksville until seventeen years of

age, in the meantime attending the district school, afterwards the school at Picture Rocks, and the Williamsport Commercial College. On June 12, 1876, he entered into partnership with his father, John P. Little, and his brother-in-law, Samuel R. Sprout, the business being then conducted under the firm name of John P. Little & Company. Mr. Sprout retired from the firm in 1879, and the business was then conducted by father and son under the same name. They began by manufacturing bent woods, and later added to their products "Home Rule" (patent) clothes racks, ironing boards, step-ladders, snow shovels, etc., Mr. Little having invented the goods which he manufactures. Since the death of his father, January 17, 1904, William H. Little has conducted the business alone, this being one of the leading industries of Picture Rocks. Mr. Little is a Prohibitionist, not only in politics, but in principle, and is actively identified with the temperance movement.

Mr. Little married, June 9, 1886, Kate G. Rothrock, a daughter of the Rev. J. Y. and Caroline L. (Shriner) Rothrock, and three children were the issue: Leslie T., born March 24, 1889; Paul, born April 15, 1892, died August 18, 1893; and Harold, born June 15, 1894. The Rev. J. Y. Rothrock was born at Shrewsbury, York county, Pennsylvania, 1823, and died November 11, 1894, a member of a prominent old family. He was educated in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, was a Methodist minister, actively engaged in the field for forty-two years, and a member of the Central Pennsylvania Conference. His wife, Caroline L. (Shriner) Rothrock, was a native of Mifflinsburg, Union county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Little and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is a trustee, teacher in the Sabbath school, and has been a member of the choir for twenty-three years.

At Eagles Mere, August 23, 1900, was held the first reunion of the Little family, in a beautiful grove not far from the original home-

stead of the first Little settler, Captain Theophilus Little. About one hundred and twenty persons were present, representatives of various branches of the family. Mr. A. C. Little gave an interesting history of the family, epitomizing its revolutionary record, and showing that it came from an ancestry worthy of any true American, and adorned with traits of character in every way worthy of emulation.



#### THE HAYES FAMILY.

The Hayes family has been represented in Pennsylvania for a number of generations. The earliest definite record of them is of: I. Isaiah Hayes, who was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, February, 1796, and in 1800 came with his father and his family to Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. When he was quite young his father died, leaving him to the care of his mother and brothers. He was but a young man when he engaged in the lumber business in partnership with his brother and John Reed. In the spring of 1820 he started with his partner for Baltimore with an ark loaded with poplar boards; at the Indian Steps, above McCall's Ferry, between Columbia and Tidewater, Maryland, they ran into the ice, destroying the ark and sustaining a loss of eight hundred dollars. Shortly after this Mr. Hayes constructed a log house on the homestead and commenced to clear a farm. For some time he was employed as a laborer in the construction of a canal, and afterwards took contracts to build a straight road over Laurel Hill and in other places. He also engaged in the manufacture of arks for the grain dealers of Milton, Lewisburg and elsewhere. Observing while thus employed the need of grist mills, and being encouraged by his father-in-law, he built a substantial mill in 1831, which he operated until 1837. At that time it was destroyed by fire, and was a total loss



as he carried no insurance. His neighbors came to his assistance, however, making up the loss of the grain, and he erected a new mill. In 1847 he started a subscription, heading it with fifty dollars, to raise the funds necessary to build a bridge across Lycoming creek at Perryville. He succeeded in securing four hundred and fifty dollars of the amount needed, and the balance was furnished by the county commissioners. The contractor failed to complete the bridge, and Mr. Hayes took the matter in hand and finished it himself. About 1839 he purchased land in Cogan House township, hauled logs from the same to a sawmill at Perryville, and in 1845 built a sawmill in Cogan valley. From time to time he purchased tracts of pine timber and in that way accumulated thousands of acres. A few years after this he built a mill on Larry's creek, making in all four saw mills and two grist mills. He sold the grist mill at Perryville in 1863, and in 1868, in partnership with John Miller, bought a farm of five hundred acres on the Rappahannock river in Virginia. When the farm was subsequently divided he retained one-fourth, the remainder going to his sons—Ambrose and William. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and was actively interested in building the new stone church at Hepburnville. In 1819 Isaiah Hayes married Mary Ann Miller, and they were the parents of ten children, five of whom are still living: William married Miss Margaret Follmer; Ambrose; Rachel R., who married W. W. Meyer; Benjamin; Sidney; Lawrence M.; Isaiah; Mary Elizabeth; Joanna; and Josiah. Isaiah Hayes, I, died November 18, 1888, and his wife died June 24, 1883.

II. William Hayes, eldest son and eldest child of Isaiah and Mary Ann (Miller) Hayes, was born in Lycoming township, March 21, 1820. He received his education in the township schools of that period, and upon leaving school learned the milling business with his father, took charge of the latter's mill at Perryville, in 1844, and did a prosperous



business for fourteen years, at the end of which period of time he bought a mill at Youngdale, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, and operated the same for five years. In 1862 he entered into partnership with William Follmer, and built and took charge of the Loyalsock mills, four miles above Montoursville. This partnership continued for one year, when Mr. Hayes became the sole proprietor. In 1884 he purchased the Montoursville rolling mills, and in company with Clarence Wheeland and his own son, John Hayes, operated them. Mr. Wheeland sold his interest to Mr. Meyer in April, 1887, and two years later Mr. Meyer sold his interest to Mr. Pidcoe, and the business has since been conducted under the firm name of Hayes, Pidcoe & Company. Mr. Hayes is also engaged in farming in Loyalsock township and in Virginia. Mr. Hayes was president and a large stockholder of the Wayne Ferry Company while he lived in Clinton county. About the year 1873 he engaged in the lumber business on Little Bear creek with Warner Woolever, and this firm continued business for five years, after which Mr. Hayes conducted its affairs on his own responsibility. In 1890 Mr. Hayes moved from Farragut to Montoursville, Pennsylvania, where he erected a fine dwelling, in which he now resides. In politics he is a Republican, and has served as supervisor of Upper Fairfield township. He married, November 2, 1848, Miss Margaret Follmer, who was born March 11, 1827. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes are the parents of six children: Amelia Clementine, born October 4, 1849; Follmer Adam, born November 17, 1851; Mary Catharine, born March 3, 1855; John M., born August 2, 1858; Margaret Emma, born January 15, 1863; Frank W., born August 31, 1875.

III. Follmer Adam Hayes, second child and eldest son of William and Margaret (Follmer) Hayes, was born at Perryville, Pennsylvania, November 17, 1851, and when eight years of age he moved with his

parents to Chatham Run, Pennsylvania, where they lived for five years; they then moved to Farragut to the old homestead, where Mr. Hayes is at present residing. He was educated at the Montoursville Normal School, the Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, and the Williamsport Commercial College, from which he graduated. He taught a number of terms of public school, and on January 31, 1876, married Louisa Clara, born January 13, 1853, youngest daughter of Charles and Christiana Stryker. The year of his marriage he was taken into business with his father at the Loyalsock mills. The firm was managed under the name of Hayes & Son from 1876 to 1890, when William Hayes moved to Montoursville. F. A. Hayes then assumed entire charge and, having purchased his father's interest, is conducting the business at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Follmer Hayes have three children: Randall Burrows, born August 18, 1878; Walter S., born July 10, 1879; and Charles G., born March 24, 1883.

IV. Randall Burrows Hayes, M. D., eldest son and eldest child of Follmer and Louisa (Stryker) Hayes, was born August 18, 1878, at Farragut, Pennsylvania, where he received his early education in the public schools. Subsequently he took a course in the Muncy Normal school, where he was graduated in 1895, and then served one year as teacher in the public schools. In 1896 he entered Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and while there he took special courses, one in obstetrics at the Philadelphia Lying-In Hospital, and one in genito-urinary surgery at the Polyclinic Hospital. He was graduated with special honors, May 15, 1900, receiving in addition to the degree of Doctor of Medicine, prizes in obstetrics and diseases of the eye. In June, 1900, he became the resident physician at the Williamsport Hospital, where he remained for one year, and in June, 1901, he went to Jersey Shore, where he has since been engaged in a general practice. He is a

member of the Lycoming County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the West Branch Medical Society. He affiliates with Jersey Shore Lodge, No. 101, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in politics is a Republican. Dr. Hayes married, March 12, 1902, Sarah M. White, daughter of Ebenezer and Sarah (Callahan) White. (A sketch of the White family appears elsewhere in this work).

Walter Scott Hayes, second son of Follmer and Louisa Hayes, was born July 10, 1879, educated in the public schools, Lycoming County Normal school, and Williamsport Commercial College, from which institutions he graduated. After learning the milling trade in his father's mill at Farragut, in which he worked two years, he took up telegraphy and graduating from the School of Telegraphy at Valparaiso, Indiana, he entered the employ of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company.

Charles Garfield Hayes, third son of Follmer and Louisa Hayes, born March 24, 1883, was educated in the public schools and graduated at the Lycoming County Normal school. After teaching school he spent one year as preparatory in Bucknell University, and in 1901 entered Jefferson Medical College, from which he graduated in 1905. After receiving his license to practice in Pennsylvania he accepted a position as hospital interne in Colon Hospital, Christobal Colon, Canal Zone, Panama.

Amelia Clemintine, eldest child of William and Margaret (Follmer) Hayes, was born October 4, 1849, married George Ebner, now deceased, and died in 1871. She had one son, William, born August 6, 1870, who is a member of the firm of Hayes, Pidcoe & Company, of Montoursville. Mary Catharine, third child of William and Margaret (Follmer) Hayes, born March 3, 1855, married William Koons, who died November 9, 1892. John M., fourth child of William and Mar-

garet (Follmer) Hayes, born August 2, 1858, was educated at Montoursville, and at Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hayes is a member of the firm of Hayes, Pidcoe & Company. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies, having taken all the degrees except the thirty-third. On February 22, 1882, he married Miss Jennie Fuller, born January 29, 1859, a daughter of the late James and Hannah Fuller. Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hayes are the parents of four children, as follows: J. Robert, born June 27, 1883; J. Fuller, born December 7, 1885; J. Arthur, born December 7, 1890; and William, born February 14, 1900. Margaret Emma, fifth child of William and Margaret (Follmer) Hayes, was born January 15, 1863, and is still at home. Frank W., sixth child of William and Margaret (Follmer) Hayes, born August 31, 1875, was educated in the public school of Montoursville, Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport and the Muncy Normal. May 3, 1894, he graduated from the American Horological School, this being a school for watchmakers, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. In the same year he opened a jewelry store in Montoursville, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, member of the Presbyterian church. He married Miss Josephine Rakestraw, daughter of J. W. Rakestraw. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes have one son, Clarence Hayes.



#### WILLIAM BOYD CRAWFORD.

The father of William Boyd Crawford, of Cammal, is the Rev. J. W. Crawford, pastor of the Baptist church at Syesville, Pennsylvania. He married Rebecca Fisher, and six children were born to them, four of whom are living: Eva, Kern, William Boyd, mentioned at length hereinafter; and Maggie Cooper, who is the wife of Alexander Cooper, of Allens Mills, Jefferson county, Pennsylvania.

William Boyd Crawford, son of Rev. J. W. and Rebecca (Fisher) Crawford, was born September 14, 1874, at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, and was educated in the schools of his native town and at Hughesville high school, from which he graduated in 1890. His first enterprise was working in a furniture factory at Hughesville, and he next went to Danville where he was employed for two years as clerk in a general store. He then moved to Cammal, where for a time he worked at the pipe mill, but subsequently again became a clerk, which position he held until the outbreak of the Spanish-American war, when he enlisted in Company F, Twelfth Regiment United States Volunteers. After six months' service he was honorably discharged and returned to Cammal, where he entered the service of the Black Forest and Cammal Railroad Company, which position he held until 1903, when he purchased the general merchandise business which he has since successfully conducted, his store being well furnished and attractive. He has held the office of judge of elections and was appointed postmaster at Cammal, Pennsylvania, taking the office September 15, 1905. He is a Republican in politics. He is a member of the Baptist church, in which he holds the office of trustee, and is a teacher in the Sunday school. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Cammal Lodge, No. 1001.

Mr. Crawford married, September 14, 1899, M. Effie, daughter of P. M. Smith, and they are the parents of one son, Harry D. Crawford, born April 5, 1901.

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#### HIRAM JOHN WATERS.

Hiram John Waters, a well-known blacksmith of Jersey Shore, and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, March 1, 1836. His parents, Jonathan and Mary (Frees)



Waters, were natives of Northumberland county, where his paternal grandparents, who immigrated from England, were early settlers, and his grandmother in that line lived to the advanced age of one hundred and four years. His father was a prosperous farmer. Jonathan Waters and his wife both died in 1887, aged eighty-one and eighty-two years, respectively. They had a family of ten children, five of whom are now living.

Hiram John Waters was reared and educated in Northumberland county. At the age of seventeen years he began his apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade, and March 1, 1854, he came to Jersey Shore for the purpose of following his trade in the foundry of W. R. Wilson and Hirsch, with whom he remained for a number of years. In 1862 he enlisted as a volunteer for service in the railroad shops at Alexandria, Virginia, then being operated by the Federal government. At the expiration of fifteen months he was honorably discharged from the service. In 1864 he established himself as a blacksmith in Jersey Shore, and has carried on business there continuously and successfully to the present time. For more than fifty years Mr. Waters has resided in that township, and has long been recognized as one of its enterprising and prosperous citizens. That his ability as a mechanic has enabled him to realize some of his most earnest desires is fully evidenced by the air of comfort which pervades his immediate surroundings, and he has every reason to contemplate with pride the satisfactory results of his arduous labors. For many years he has actively participated in the public affairs of the borough, having served as a member of the council and as school director for a number of terms. Politically he is a Democrat.

On July 2, 1867, Mr. Waters was united in marriage with Miss Sarah W. Brown, daughter of William and Nancy (Wilson) Brown. Her parents immigrated from Ireland in 1844, settling in Jersey Shore.



Her father died in 1851, and the death of her mother occurred in 1865. William and Nancy Brown were the parents of four sons and two daughters, all of whom are living. One of the former, James Brown, was twice severely wounded while serving as a lieutenant in the Civil war, and sacrificed an arm in the cause of the Union. He is now residing in Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Waters have had six children, namely: William, Edward, James, Mary, Harry and Frank. William died at the age of twenty-five, and James died at the age of twenty-one years. Emma is the wife of Moses Zettle, of Jersey Shore. Mary married Hays Christ, also of this township.

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HENRY MILLER.

The father of Henry Miller, of Cammal, was Harmon Miller, born 1808, died 1888, a native of York county, Pennsylvania. He moved to Waterville, on Pine creek, where for fourteen years he was the proprietor of a hotel. Later in life he turned his attention to farming. He married Fannie English, who was born at English Centre, Pennsylvania, 1811, died October 11, 1874, and the following children were born to them: Michael; William, deceased; John, also deceased; Henry, mentioned at length hereinafter; Sarah J.; George; Mary A., deceased; Martha E., also deceased; Margaret; and Julia, deceased. In 1888 Mr. Miller, the father, was run over by a Fall Brook train, receiving injuries which resulted fatally.

Henry Miller, son of Harmon and Fannie (English) Miller, was born August 22, 1840, at Waterville. He was educated in his native town, his early life, after leaving school, being spent in farming and lumbering. In August, 1862, he enlisted for a term of nine months in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-first Regiment Pennsylvania Vol-

unteer Infantry, and participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Antietam, and South Mountain. At the close of his term of service he was honorably discharged. Subsequently he was drafted, but the ties of home forced him to send a substitute. In 1864 Mr. Miller settled on his present farm in McHenry township, and by hard work and unwearied perseverance has succeeded in bringing it to a high state of cultivation. He is one of the experienced huntsmen of the neighborhood and one of the most unerring shots, years having failed to lessen his ardor or weaken his interest in the sport.

Mr. Miller married, August 10, 1863, Sarah B. Denniston, and the following children have been born to them: Harmon, deceased; William H., also deceased; Ambrose W.; Sarah E., deceased; Nathaniel; Mary; Michael; Silas, deceased; Rhoda; and an unnamed infant.

Mrs. Miller is a daughter of Nathaniel W. Denniston, who was born in Sullivan county, New York, and in 1845 moved to Lycoming county, settling in McHenry township, Okome district, where he purchased one hundred acres of land. He subsequently returned to New York state, and in 1857 came once more to Lycoming county, where he passed the remainder of his life. His wife was Elizabeth Earl, a native of Orange county, New York, and their family consisted of the following children: Mary C., who became the wife of David Ott, both deceased; Gilbert G.; George W.; Adelia, who is married to a Mr. Bartholomew; Bathsheba, wife of Michael Miller; Sarah B., who was born in 1847, at Okome, during her parents' first sojourn in Lycoming county, and became the wife of Henry Miller, as mentioned above; Rachel A., who is married to Michael Wolf; and Charles, deceased, late of Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania.

## LORENZO DOW CAMPBELL.

The ancestors of Lorenzo Dow Campbell, of Cammal, belonged to the clan which has given to the history of Scotland so many famous names. Samuel Campbell, a native of the north of Ireland, emigrated to this country prior to the revolutionary war and settled for a short time in the Juniata valley, subsequently moving to Jersey Shore, where he purchased a tract of land from a man who was compelled to leave that neighborhood on account of some trouble with the Indians. Samuel Campbell was the father of two sons: John and Robert.

Robert Campbell was a musician in the revolutionary army, enlisting when a mere lad. He subsequently moved to Round Island, where he bought a mill and manufactured lumber. Later he became a convert to the Baptist faith, was immersed and for many years was a successful preacher of that denomination. Mr. Campbell married Rachel Morrison, and their children were: Samuel, who became a Baptist preacher; George; Michael; Young; Abner, mentioned at length hereinafter; Robert; John; Jeremiah; Priscilla; Margaret; and Elizabeth.

Abner Campbell, son of Robert and Rachel (Morrison) Campbell, and father of Lorenzo D. Campbell, was born in 1800, at Round Island, and carried on an extensive lumber business in partnership with his brother George. Over and above their farms the two brothers owned twelve hundred acres of timber land. Abner Campbell married for his first wife Elizabeth Gamble, and their family consisted of the following children: Hezekiah W., Salome, Mary J., Jehiel L., Rachel, Almira, Cordelia, Eunice, Stephen, Louise and Emily. The mother of these children died in 1842.

The second wife of Abner Campbell was Rhoda, daughter of William Dugan, who was born in 1781, in Ireland, whence he emigrated to





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the United States. He married Jane, daughter of William McMasters, a revolutionary soldier, who was wounded and taken prisoner in the battle of Bunker Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Dugan were the parents of four children: Edward; Mary; Rhoda, who became the wife of Abner Campbell, as mentioned above; and John. The death of Mr. Dugan occurred in 1865. To Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were born two sons and two daughters: Lorenzo Dow, mentioned at length hereinafter; William A., who was a veteran of the Civil war and is now deceased; Elizabeth; and Abbie. These children were very early deprived of their father's care, Mr. Campbell dying in 1850, while in the prime of life.

Lorenzo Dow Campbell, son of Abner and Rhoda (Dugan) Campbell, was born March 26, 1844, at Cammal, where he received his education and has devoted himself to farming and lumbering. He has acquired considerable property, owning one thousand acres of land, one hundred and seven acres of which are under cultivation. On this estate are several stone quarries, producing both blue and white flagging of superior quality. He has owned his present farm since 1881, at which time he erected his dwelling-house. He has held the offices of supervisor, school director, school treasurer, auditor and judge of elections.

Mr. Campbell married, September 7, 1873, Margaret F. Miller, and the following children were born to them: Louise, born October 12, 1874, who was married to Charles Hostrander, and is now the wife of William Wolf, having a daughter by each marriage; Eva Hostrander and Anna B. Wolf; Abner J., born October 21, 1877; Harmon M., born December 10, 1879; Rhoda M., born February 8, 1887.

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RILEY W. ALLEN.

Riley W. Allen, prominently identified with life insurance affairs, and a recognized authority on all matters pertaining thereto, is a native



of the state of Ohio, born in Cleveland, June 17, 1855. He came from New England stock that emigrated from the Massachusetts Bay region to Ohio in 1832, when Connecticut made its movement for the development of the Connecticut Reserve. The characteristics of the race whence he sprung—energy, enterprise and an ambition to succeed—were early manifested in his life.

Reared upon a farm, his education was limited to that which he could obtain in the ordinary district schools before his thirteenth year. He was, however, well grounded in the fundamentals of knowledge, and in the after years he supplied his deficiencies through self-selected reading and keen observation. At the early age noted he left school to take employment with a decorator of cottage chamber suits, and so thoroughly learned the trade that when only sixteen years old he was made manager of his department for the Cleveland Furniture Company. After serving acceptably in that position for a year he located in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, under an engagement with A. H. Heilman. Shortly afterward he accepted a position with W. A. Melhuish & Company, and when that firm was consolidated with the Williamsport Furniture Manufacturing Company, he became superintendent of its finishing department.

In the early spring of 1877 it had become evident to Mr. Allen that cottage chamber furniture was going out of fashion, and he engaged in the insurance business, under the conviction that it offered a field in which style and fashion were not dominating factors, and in which a thorough equipment, independence and personality would prove commanding qualities and lead to constantly increasing usefulness. He made his beginning at the very foundation of the insurance business—as a canvasser, and among the poor and very lowly. Diligent in his effort and prosecuting his work with a genuine enthusiasm, he proved


his capability by substantial success, winning recognition and commanding confidence to such a degree that he actually forced his way into the firm of A. D. Lundy & Company. From the outset he was a strongly influential figure, and he asserted his independence with a stalwart assurance founded in his business judgment and his conscience. Overtures were made to his firm to change its companies, and take up deferred dividend life insurance. Mr. Allen had become a strong advocate of non-participating guaranteed service as produced by the world-famous Travelers' Insurance Company, and felt assured that there was room for this principle of insurance to thrive and develop. Thus, on principle, he declined to be diverted from approved methods, and to reproduce himself in those which he held to be wrong, both in principle and practice. Hence, he moved steadily forward in the insurance business for the Travelers' Insurance Company, until he occupied, in one way or other, every position within its gift in the state of Pennsylvania—positions of weighty responsibility and arduous labor—in all of which he acquitted himself in such manner as to earn the sincere gratitude and esteem of his superiors, and the entire confidence of the insuring public.

When the insurance scandals of 1905 were agitating the world, Hon. John F. Dryden, United States Senator from New Jersey, wrote him, among others, for his opinion as to Federal regulation of insurance companies. To this Mr. Allen made reply: "Yes, as to life and industrial insurance; no, as to fire and liability insurance." In his reply to Senator Dryden, Mr. Allen proceeded to say: "The only way to cure existing trouble is to capitalize the protective tariff above legal requirements and necessities, the government to hold in trust the stock certificates and vote the stock on which the dividends are paid when earned, and the government to invest the capital and reserve, separating entirely the investment of funds from the production of business.

The disease is graft; the cure is the knife. Separate the sheep from the goats; the purse from production; church from state. Let the funds flow out through the channels of creation. Stop congestion in centers, push the people back to the soil, and the government will have performed the function it was created for, the greatest good to the most people."

Mr. Allen is a loyal supporter of his home city and its various interests. His policy of life has ever been constructive. Optimistic in nature, he believes in building up without tearing down; in razing, to raise an improved structure. He is an active member of the Williamsport Board of Trade, an endorser of its improvement fund, and ever ready and willing to extend his aid where assistance is needed. He is a director in several local industrial enterprises. He is a member of the First Baptist church of Williamsport, and president of its board of trustees. In politics he is a Democrat, but supports the nominees of the Republican party when important principles are at stake, such as affect the stability of commercial, industrial and financial affairs.

In 1876 Mr. Allen married Miss Anna M. Scheffel, daughter of Charles and Fredericka Scheffel, of Williamsport. Of this marriage have been born five children, three of whom are now living: Carl G. Allen, who graduated as a mechanical and electrical engineer from Cornell University in the present year (1905); Bertha L. Allen, and Margaret L. Allen.



#### WELLMAN LYMAN GARVERICH.

Wellman Lyman Garverich, an enterprising business man of Jersey Shore, is of German descent, and his grandfather, John Garverich, was an early settler in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. His father, Samuel Garverich, who is a native of that county, is a highly respected resident

of Jersey Shore, where he settled many years ago. Samuel Garverich married Ellen Fredrasy, and they reared a family of four children, namely: C. J.; Wellman L.; Elizabeth M., now the widow of John Bonnell; and Lewis F., who resides in Altoona, Pennsylvania. They also had an adopted son, Robert Garverich, a dentist, who went to England with a view of practicing his profession, and died there in July, 1904. Mrs. Samuel Garverich died in 1898.

Wellman Lyman Garverich was born in Jersey Shore, March 8, 1859. Early in life he learned the shoemaker's trade, but not finding it a congenial occupation abandoned it and returned to school in order to better equip himself for a business career. He subsequently accepted the position of lumber inspector for Messrs. Wood and Childs, with whom he remained in that capacity for eighteen years, or until 1890, when he severed his connection with that concern. He had previously purchased an established retail coal business, which he thenceforward carried on in conjunction with the retail lumber business, and in 1898 he added the grocery business to his list of mercantile enterprises, all of which are now in a flourishing condition. For many years he has experimented in the cultivation of tobacco with considerable success, and he also devotes some attention to horticulture and to the raising of poultry. In his various enterprises he provides employment for a number of men, and his business ability is in other ways a great benefit to the town.

In politics Mr. Garverich is a Republican. He has been a member of the school board for the past seventeen years, and is now serving his fifth year as tax collector. For nineteen years he has been treasurer of Jersey Shore Lodge No. 101, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; has been eleven years treasurer of Jersey Shore Encampment No. 59, of which he was one of the organizers; and in 1905 was a delegate to

the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania. He is also a charter member of the local body of Knights of the Golden Eagle and a member of Council 178, Royal Arcanum.

In December, 1888, Mr. Garverich was united in marriage with Miss Minnie, daughter of Jacob and Emma (Gates) Strayer. They have three daughters, namely: Maud, Helen and Ruth, all of whom reside at home.

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THOMAS J. RITTER.

Thomas J. Ritter, a representative business man of Lairdsville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, is a native of that state, born in Jordan township, July 25, 1845.

William Ritter, father of Thomas J. Ritter, was born in Muncy Creek township, 1819. He acquired a practical education which prepared him for the activities of life in the common schools, and his active career was devoted to farming, lumbering and general merchandising. During the Civil war, at the time when the troops invaded the state of Pennsylvania, he enlisted in the army and served with the rank of second lieutenant. He was a justice of the peace for his township, having been elected on the Democratic ticket. He was united in marriage to Lydia Renn, who was born in Franklin township, 1825.

After completing a common school education, Thomas J. Ritter turned his attention to farming and lumbering, these pursuits proving highly remunerative. In 1902 he became the proprietor of a general store in Lairdsville, which he has since conducted, and in addition to this he owns and operates a mill. The esteem in which he is held in the community is evidenced by the fact that he was chosen to fill several town offices, among them being that of justice of the peace, serving



therein for thirteen years. He is actively interested in religious work, has labored faithfully for the furtherance of the same, and has contributed liberally toward the building of churches throughout the nearby towns. He has held membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for twelve years, during which time he has aided greatly in the building up of the order in the town of Lairdsville. He is an active and consistent member of the Lutheran church.

In the town of Lairdsville, January 5, 1871, Mr. Ritter was married to Almyra Magargle, born March 8, 1844, died June 30, 1905. She was educated in the Normal School in New Berlin, a daughter of Brittain Magargle, one of the pioneer settlers of the town of Lairdsville, coming here from Philadelphia, a Baptist in religion, and a faithful worker for the advancement of the interests of that denomination. Their children are: Mary E., born June 4, 1872, educated in the common schools. Anna G., born March 31, 1875, educated in the common schools. William R., born December 21, 1876, educated in the common schools and Muncy Normal School, and is now a teacher in the schools of Moreland township; and Thomas J., born September 29, 1878, educated in the common schools, married Alice Houseknecht; no issue.

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WILLIAM A. GIBSON.

The Gibson family is among the early pioneers of Susquehanna township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. It was founded by John Gibson and his wife Elizabeth, natives of Ireland, born July 1, 1774, and May 24, 1775, respectively. About 1796, shortly after their marriage, they emigrated to America and settled on what is known as the old Gibson place on the bank of the West Branch of the Susquehanna near Nisbet. He purchased nearly two hundred and fifty acres of land, an



almost complete wilderness, on which he erected a small log house, which was later replaced by a more modern structure. He was a thrifty, industrious man, and with the help of his family soon had a considerable portion of his land under cultivation. He was a Presbyterian in religion, and a Whig in politics. After a long and useful life John Gibson died September 17, 1847. He survived his wife a short period of time, she having passed away July 5, 1846. Their children were as follows:

1. William H., born July 13, 1816, died July 9, 1894. 2. Robert R., mentioned hereinafter. 3. Mary, born December 11, 1803, died December 22, 1885. 4. Elizabeth, born 1806, died February 3, 1872, aged sixty-six years; she was the wife of Robert Smith. 5. Letitia, born 1809, died December 8, 1832, aged twenty-three years; she was the first wife of Charles Burrows. Nancy, the second wife of Charles Burrows. John, born October 28, 1811, died October 29, 1831.

Robert R. Gibson, son of John and Elizabeth Gibson, and father of William A. Gibson, whose name heads this sketch, was born on the old homestead in Susquehanna township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1818. Early in life he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits on an extensive scale upon the same land that his father owned. He operated one hundred and twelve acres, besides wood land, which made in all two hundred and thirty-five acres. Half of the wood land was formerly the property of his brother, William H., from whom he purchased the same. He made many necessary improvements, consisting of a large brick building of eleven rooms, and a commodious barn with ample accommodation for stowing away his extensive produce and also for the caring of his large stock of cattle. He was a man of marked ability and influence in his township, and was unanimously elected to every local office. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he served as elder and trustee.

Mr. Gibson married, January 16, 1851, Sarah Hyndman, who was born in Ireland, November 16, 1829. Their children are as follows: John R., born December 7, 1851, married Lizzie Young, no issue. Alexander, born March 22, 1854, unmarried, resides on the old homestead. Mary E., born April 1, 1856, unmarried, resides on the old homestead. William A., born October 30, 1858, unmarried, resides on the old homestead. Robert, born April 18, 1861, died May 4, 1861. Annie H., born March 20, 1865, wife of Joseph G. Stewart, and mother of three children. Robert H., born November 27, 1873, married Estella Faultz. Robert R. Gibson, father of these children, died March 24, 1897. He was survived by his wife, Sarah (Hyndman) Gibson, who died January 31, 1901.

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JAMES O. BENNETT.

One of the first of the pioneers of Lycoming county to settle in what is now Susquehanna township was James Bennett, great-grandfather of James O. Bennett, who was formerly a resident of New Jersey. His advent to Nisbet was quite early in the history of Lycoming county, and he took up a large tract of land in Susquehanna township, west of Nisbet, which was known for a long time as the "Bennett Tract," receiving his deed direct from the state as he was the original purchaser. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Dalton, bore him the following children: George, deceased; James, Elizabeth, Thomas, Wingrove, William, Hannah, Ann and Jane.

George Bennett, grandfather of James O. Bennett, was born in New Jersey. He was about ten years of age when his parents migrated to the state of Pennsylvania. He was reared there and subsequently made large purchases of land, which was then a complete wilderness,

from the state. He was a man of marked ability, and was an active factor in the growth and progress of the community in which he resided. He was instrumental in making the West Branch of the Susquehanna navigable, and served as supervisor during the construction of the Pennsylvania canal. He was justice of the peace for a number of years, and was one of the most intelligent and influential men of his day in that section of the county. He married Mary Carpenter, a native of Pennsylvania, of English parentage, and eight children were born to them: James, George, Ann, Mary, Catherine, Elizabeth, Thomas and Hannah. Elizabeth is the only surviving member of the family, and is now (1905) eighty-nine years of age; she is unmarried. Mr. Bennett married for his second wife Mrs. Colton, no issue.

Thomas Bennett, father of James O. Bennett, was born in Susquehanna township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in 1820. He was a practical farmer, owning and operating one hundred and five acres of fine bottom land, which is now the property of his son, James O. Like his father, Mr. Bennett was a man of marked intelligence and progressive ideas, and served with distinction and credit in several township offices. He was united in marriage to Amanda Yeager, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Woolever) Yeager, and eleven children were born to them, seven of whom attained years of maturity, namely: Oliver, deceased; Augusta; James O.; Elmer E., deceased; William A.; Howard, deceased; and Charles, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Yeager were natives of Columbia county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Yeager was a cooper by trade, a first class mechanic, and upon the establishment of a distillery in Nisbet removed thither and was engaged in the manufacture of barrels for use in the same.

James O. Bennett, son of Thomas and Amanda (Yeager) Bennett, was born in Susquehanna township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, on

the farm he now owns, May 25, 1861. He was reared in his native township, and attended the common district school. He followed farming up to June, 1880, when he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as telegraph operator at Nisbet, continuing as such up to 1886. He then accepted a position as train dispatcher for the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, in which capacity he served faithfully and well for sixteen years, being then compelled to resign on account of failing health. He has recently returned to his farm, and intends in the future to follow agricultural pursuits. At the present time (1905) he is school director in his township. Socially he is a member of La Belle Lodge No. 232, Free and Accepted Masons, of Jersey Shore, of which honorable body he was worshipful master in 1901. He was made a Mason in 1898. He is a Republican in politics. On February 22, 1897, Mr. Bennett was united in marriage to Lizzie McDermott, daughter of Philip and Josephine McDermott, natives of Ireland. Their children are as follows: Charles F., born August 22, 1897; Nellie E., born June 1, 1899; and James O., Jr., born June 14, 1901.

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#### HARRY S. FAGUE.

Harry S. Fague, a resident of Picture Rocks, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was there born October 14, 1870, a son of Abner and Angeline (Bull) Fague. He is a descendant of William Fague, who settled in Penn township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, at the close of the revolutionary war. Mr. Fague was the owner of a tract of land, comprising between four and five hundred acres, which is still in the possession of his descendants. Here he erected a homestead on the site where his grandson, W. B. Fague, now resides. On this farm, en-

gaged in agricultural pursuits, he spent the greater part of his life. He married Miss Mary Poust, and they had the following children: Elizabeth, Frederick, John, Samuel, Sarah, Catherine, Daniel, George, and Julia, who is the only surviving member of the family. She married a Mr. Parrs and resides in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

John, the son of William Fague, and grandfather of Harry S. Fague, was born in Lycoming county in 1807, and was reared on his father's homestead. He subsequently purchased a tract of land in this county, embracing the site of the borough of Picture Rocks. He married Miss Jane Lockard, and to them were born five children, namely: Peter, deceased; Savilla, Mary J., Barbara A. and Abner.

Abner, second son and fifth child of John Fague, and father of Harry S. Fague, was born in Lycoming county, October 15, 1840, and died June 24, 1900. He received his education in the common schools of his native county, and having a strong liking for farming, devoted his attention chiefly to that occupation. A large portion of his father's farm was in his possession up to the time of his death, and he resided thereon within the corporate limits of the borough of Picture Rocks. Besides the cultivation of about four hundred acres of land, Mr. Fague is also engaged in the occupation of lumbering. He imported the first Holstein stock in Lycoming county, and was also among the first to introduce Jersey Red hogs into the county. He was also largely interested in the breeding of blooded horses, and was justly regarded as one of the most progressive agriculturists in this section of the state. He was the representative of Lycoming county on the state board of agriculture. When the civil war broke out, Mr. Fague enlisted in Company I, Thirteenth Pennsylvania Militia. On the 9th of November, 1865, he married Miss Angeline Bull, and six children were born to them, namely: M. Alice, Charles S., deceased; Harry S., Cora E., Alida M., and Gusta



J. Politically Mr. Fague's sympathies are with the Democratic party, and he belonged to the Baptist church of Picture Rocks, in which his wife also held membership.

Harry S. Fague received his early education in the common schools of his native county, and also attended the normal school at Muncy, Pennsylvania, for some time. He taught school for two years, and then went to Iowa, where he remained for some time; from Iowa he went to Minneapolis, where he taught school. He returned east and, September 3, 1900, was married to Miss Effie Green, who was born June 20, 1872, a daughter of Milton Green. They have two children, Dorothy, born May 10, 1901, and Martha, born March 2, 1902. After his marriage he bought the old homestead of his grandparents, where he has resided ever since, following farming for an occupation. He is very fond of horses, and has in his possession at the present time some very fine ones.

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#### ELMER E. SHEFFER.

Elmer E. Sheffer, a contractor and builder of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born in Liberty, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, the son of Martin and Margaret (Beck) Sheffer, who were the parents of four children, namely: Elmer, mentioned at length hereinafter; Ida, the wife of Murray Mase, Liberty; Frank and Phillip, deceased. The father of these children was a native of Tioga county, a son of John Sheffer, who when but a child removed with his parents from Lancaster to Lycoming county. Martin was a farmer by occupation. His death occurred in 1892, and his widow still survives and resides at the old homestead.

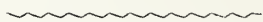
Elmer E. Sheffer was reared in his native place and there obtained



his education. At the age of eighteen years he entered into an apprenticeship to learn the carpenter trade, and since 1885 has successfully conducted a contracting and building business. His skilled workmanship and upright business dealing have in a few years won for him an enviable position in business circles. He resided in Liberty until 1898, when he removed to Blossburg, Tioga county, and in 1901 took up his residence in Jersey Shore. During the period of his residence in the latter place he has contributed in a large measure to its upbuilding, having erected a large number of splendid buildings and residences in the thriving city. He has now in his employ a force of fifty men, and perhaps no builder and contractor of his state can boast of greater prominence or greater success in his chosen line than can Mr. Sheffer.

Politically Mr. Sheffer is a staunch Republican, and a member of Blossburg Lodge No. 350, F. and A. M., and Blockhouse Lodge No. 390, I. O. O. F., Blossburg. In matters of religion he accords with the doctrines of the Baptist church, of which he is a regular and consistent attendant.

September 26, 1887, Elmer E. Sheffer was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Neal, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Herrer) Neal, both natives of Tioga county, Pennsylvania. The death of Mr. Neal occurred in 1904. Mrs. Neal now (1905) resides at Liberty.



#### JAMES HYNDMAN.

James Hyndman, of Nisbet, Susquehanna township, where he has owned and operated a farm of fifty acres since 1871, is one of the substantial men of that little hamlet. He is industrious and trustworthy, a man in whom his fellow citizens have implicit confidence. He was

born in County Derry, Ireland, in 1835, son of Alexander and Esther (Hill) Hyndman.

Alexander Hyndman (father) was born in County Derry, Ireland, in 1801. He was a farmer by occupation, and a most worthy and exemplary man in every respect. Immediately after his marriage to Esther Hill, who was born in County Derry, Ireland, November 5; 1801, he emigrated to this country, locating in Canada, where they remained but a short period of time. They were both children of well-to-do parents, reared in affluence, and soon became homesick in their new environment, so consequently they returned to Ireland, and in that country their ten children were born. In 1850 they again came to the United States, locating in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, but shortly afterward Mr. Hyndman died from the effects of cholera, August 17, 1850. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. His widow and her children removed to Lycoming county in 1857, and there the children married and settled. Mrs. Hyndman died in December, 1891. Six children came to this country, of whom five are now living: Mrs. Esther Peacock, Mrs. M. Smith, Mrs. Ellen Jannay, James, and Mrs. Elizabeth Grier.

James Hyndman was fifteen years of age when his parents emigrated to the United States. Seeing the possibilities before him, he determined to make for himself a name and place in the world. He turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has succeeded wonderfully, and while his farm is not large it is productive and well cared for, and the neat and thrifty appearance indicates the supervision of a master hand. Mr. Hyndman served his township as supervisor. During the civil war he was drafted twice; the first time he hired a substitute, but the war ended shortly after he was drafted the second time, so he was not called upon for active service.

Mr. Hyndman married Martha Kennedy, who bore him three chil-

dren, two of whom attained years of maturity: John and Margaret. The former, however, died after he reached young manhood; he was auditor for the Williamsport and North Branch Railroad Company at the time of his demise, and everything was bright for future success and usefulness. Margaret is the wife of A. Zeuber, and the mother of one daughter, Martha Zeuber.

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JOHN MUMMA YOUNG.

In a list of the men to whom Lycoming county is largely indebted for the maintenance and increase of her industries the name of John M. Young would stand very high. Mr. Young is a representative of a family of German origin, the history of which is traced through the following generations:

David Young (1), a native of Germany, emigrated to America and settled in Pennsylvania. He married and had a family, and among his children was a son, Charles (2), who married and became the father of a son, William (3). This William was the father of William (4), who married Eliza Mumma. Of their children two grew to maturity: John M., mentioned at length hereinafter, and a daughter, Mary R. The latter, who was the elder of the two, married William A. Schreyer, of Milton, Pennsylvania, and became the mother of four children: Maria E., who married William R. Kramer; Rebecca Y.; John Y., who married Carrie H. Smith, and has two children, Mary and Eleanor; and Harry H., who married Bertha Datesman, and has two children, one of whom is named William and one Louise.

John M. Young (5), son of William Young (4) and Eliza (Mumma) Young, was born in Middletown, Butler county, Ohio, and received his early education in the public schools. Subsequently he entered Penn-



John M Young



sylvania College, Gettysburg, from which he graduated. He then applied himself to a course of legal studies at the Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, afterward going to Topeka, Kansas, where he entered upon the practice of the law. After a time he removed to York, Pennsylvania, and then came to Williamsport, where he engaged in business as a manufacturer. In company with several others he organized a new firm from an old one, under the title of the Williamsport Iron & Nail Company. The business was established in 1882, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, and the company was organized April 15, 1892, as follows: C. La Rue Munson, president; John Y. Schreyer, secretary; John M. Young, treasurer; John Jenkins, general superintendent; directors: W. A. Schreyer, S. W. Murray, W. A. Heinen, C. La Rue Munson and Constans Curtin. The company manufacture cut nails, both iron and steel, and give steady employment to about one hundred and seventy-five hands. They make from thirty to thirty-five tons of nails per day. Mr. Young was formerly president and is now a member of the Board of Trade, and has been for many years a director in the First National Bank of Williamsport.

During the Civil war Mr. Young enlisted three times for the service of his country, the first time in 1862, the second in 1863 and the third in 1864. In the autumn of the last named year he was finally discharged. He served in the infantry of the Army of the Potomac, later in the mounted infantry, and during part of his term of service was under the command of General Philip H. Sheridan.

Mr. Young is a member of the Masonic order. Politically he is a supporter and advocate of the principles of the Republican party. He and his family attend the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Young married, August 25, 1868, at Gettysburg, Pennsyl-



vania, Amelia Caroline Van Patten, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. William, who was born April 23, 1870, in Topeka, Kansas, and is a lawyer in New York city and now a member of the New York State Assembly. 2. Edwin Parson, who was born December 9, 1871, in Middletown, Ohio (as were the three next following), and is a lawyer at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. 3. John Paul, who was born April 28, 1873, and is a mechanical engineer and now superintendent of the Youngstown, Ohio, Car Manufacturing Company. 4. Mary, who was born April 7, 1875. 5. Charles Van Patten, who was born November 30, 1876, is a Presbyterian minister and now a professor in Cornell University. He married Eleanor Mahaffey, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and has one daughter, Eleanor. 6. Carrie Van Patten, who was born March 6, 1880, in York, Pennsylvania, as were the two following. 7. Ruth Van Patten, who was born March 30, 1882. 8. George Harper, who was born January 13, 1878, and is a mechanical engineer and assistant treasurer of the Williamsport Iron & Nail Company. He married Alice Holland, of New York city. All the sons and also the daughter Carrie were graduated from Cornell University.

Mrs. Young is a daughter of Charles Hansen and Amelia Caroline (Harper) Van Patten, and graduated in June, 1866, from the Gettysburg Female Seminary. On the paternal side she is a direct descendant of Charles Frederick Van Patten, one of the founders of Schenectady, New York, and of Carl Hansen Toll, a member from New York to the Colonial Congress, in which he served for thirteen years. Through her mother she belongs to the ancient family of the Harpers, who trace their ancestry back to 965, and is a direct descendant of John Harper, who in 1681 came from England with William Penn in the ship "Welcome," and settled in Frankford, now a part of Philadelphia.

## BYRON A. WEAVER.

Byron A. Weaver, postmaster and merchant of Montoursville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, is a native of that borough, his birth having occurred December 23, 1856. He is a son of John and Catherine (Shaffer) Weaver and grandson of Jacob Weaver, whose parents were natives of Germany.

Jacob Weaver (grandfather) was born in York, York county, Pennsylvania, February 25, 1790, died July 2, 1880. For many years he conducted the freight route by train from York to Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Baltimore, and subsequently devoted his attention to distilling and farming, conducting his operations in Lewisburg, Union county, to which he removed in 1832, McEwensville, Northumberland county, and Clearfield township, Lycoming county, to which he removed about the year 1835. He was a Presbyterian in religion and a Democrat in politics. He married (first) Catherine Smith, born in York county, December 9, 1790, died September 11, 1846, and their children were as follows: William, born May 19, 1811, died March 14, 1894; Susan, born November 6, 1813, died November 3, 1830; John, born September 26, 1816, died April 27, 1888; Henry, born February 19, 1819, died October 28, 1876; Margaret and George, twins, born December 2, 1821, both deceased; Samuel, born July 2, 1824, died September 9, 1890; a twin of Samuel, unnamed, died in infancy; Eleanor T., born March 4, 1827, wife of William Edler, of Williamsport, both of whom are living at the present time (1905); Jacob, born March 2, 1830; Mary Almira, born November 9, 1832, died May 11, 1881; and Lewis Mannel, born March 29, 1835, died in 1903. The mother of these children died in 1846. Mr. Weaver married (second) a Mrs. Mull. His death occurred July 2, 1880.

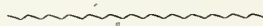
John Weaver (father) was born near Lewisburg, Union county, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1815, died April 2, 1888. In early manhood he removed to Montoursville, Lycoming county, where he engaged in boating on the canal, and was also proprietor of the Central Hotel, which was well patronized by the traveling public. He was a Republican in politics, and the esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens is evidenced by the fact that he was chosen to fill various borough offices, in which he performed his duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned. He married Catherine Shaffer, born September 15, 1820, died April 5, 1894, daughter of John and Abigail Shaffer, who bore him the following named children: Jane Sarah, born February 10, 1842. Catherine, born November 16, 1843, died April 6, 1888; she married William Gundrum. Anabell, born July 11, 1845, became the wife of Charles Bubb, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Lindsay M., born November 30, 1846, died June 29, 1897; served at one time as postmaster at Montoursville; he married Viola Shaffer, and they have one daughter, Fannie. John B., born July 10, 1848, died November 14, 1880; he married Jane Bastian, deceased. George W., born May 20, 1850, married Sarah E. Wilson, and they are the parents of four children, of whom Edna and Catherine are living. William, born June 27, 1852, died May 5, 1888. Oscar B., born November 30, 1854, married Etta Deiner, and they are the parents of four children: Helen, Edith, Oscar, and Charles. Byron A., born December 23, 1856, mentioned hereinafter. Mary F., born December 6, 1859, became the wife of Dr. W. E. Ritter, of Muncy; they have three children: Catherine B., living, and Kenneth and James, deceased. Clara E., born October 5, 1860, became the wife of John E. Callahan, born December 8, 1861; they are the parents of four children: Boyd, Maize, Max, and Sarabell. Mr. Callahan is a member of the firm of Weaver

and Callahan, spoken of in this sketch, a member of the Presbyterian church, a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he takes an active part and he is a member of the school board, and is a man held in high esteem by all who know him. Harry, born December 12, 1861, married Sarah E. Arnold, who bore him two children: Clyde, and Catherine Weaver. Frank B., born September 17, 1864, died February 27, 1872.

Byron A. Weaver acquired a good common school education. When about fifteen years of age he drove on the old canal from Montoursville to Philadelphia and Baltimore, continuing the same for a period of about six years. He then purchased a boat of his own and continued on the canal about sixteen years. In 1886 he engaged in the coal business in Montoursville in partnership with John E. Callahan, and in 1891 they engaged in the sale of agricultural implements, carrying a general line, and also handling all kinds of vehicles, wagons, etc., from which they derived a goodly income. In 1901 Mr. Weaver was appointed postmaster of Montoursville by the late President McKinley, and has been the incumbent of the office ever since, rendering capable and efficient service therein. He also served as member of the borough council and treasurer of the borough. He is a director in the First National Bank of Montoursville, and prominent in all community affairs. He is a Republican in politics, and exercises a potent influence in behalf of the party whose principles he advocates. He is a member, trustee and treasurer of the Lutheran church of Montoursville, a member of the Protective Order Sons of America and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Montoursville.

Byron A. Weaver was married in April, 1879, to Miss Alice Berry, daughter of Samuel and Susan Berry, of Montoursville, Pennsylvania, and to this union have been born five children: 1. Clarence Raymond,

who was educated in Montoursville public schools and learned the tinning and plumbing trade, serving an apprenticeship with O. B. Weaver, in Williamsport, for five years. January 1, 1905, he formed a partnership with his brother Howard A. and embarked in the hardware business in Montoursville. They purchased the hardware store of King & Sholtz, remodeled the store room and put in a large stock of goods, and now have the finest store in the place, everything modern and up-to-date. In addition to this they also conduct a general plumbing business. He married Miss Mamie Pysher, and they have one son, Byron Atwood Weaver. 2. Chester E., a student of Susquehanna University. 3. Howard A., who was educated in Montoursville high school, and served as assistant postmaster until 1905, when he embarked in the hardware business with his brother, as already narrated. He married Miss Cora Houser, daughter of George Houser, and they have one daughter, Pauline Weaver. 4. Bertha, a graduate of the Montoursville high school, class of 1904, and at the present time (1905) is assistant postmaster. 5. Estella, who is pursuing her studies in the schools of Montoursville. The family are members of the Lutheran church, and are held in high respect in the community.



#### CHARLES W. KLINE.

Charles W. Kline, son of Aaron J. and Mary (Hilsher) Kline, was born March 24, 1847, at Jersey Shore, on the property where he now resides and where his life has thus far been spent. He is one of five children, namely: John H., a resident of Jersey Shore, who served through the war of the rebellion; William H., deceased, who also served through the war; Mary Elizabeth, widow of Dr. Grant S. Keyser, of Jersey Shore; Charles W.; and Clara E., wife of D. Betts, of Philadel-



phia. The father, Aaron J. Kline, was a native of Powell Valley, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. In 1833 he located at Jersey Shore and took up the carpenter trade, which he followed until the time of his death, 1878. His wife died in 1881. The paternal grandfather was an old resident of Dauphin county. He was the father of three children: Aaron J., the father of our subject; Louisa, married; Maria (Mrs. Newbaker), deceased, who is survived by two children, Hiram and Luther, both of Dauphin county.

Charles W. Kline is a carpenter foreman of the pipe line of the Standard Oil Company. He has been in the employ of this company for twenty-six years, and previous to this was a contract carpenter for bridge work. Politically, Mr. Kline is a staunch Republican. In June, 1887, he was united in marriage with Harriet Frances, daughter of Thomas and Henrietta (Smith) Shurr. Of this marriage one child was born, Frank Charles, and they have adopted a daughter, Charlene Brink. The parents of Mrs. Kline are natives of Clinton county, where Mr. Shurr carried on the lumber business for many years. About 1889 the family removed to Jersey Shore. Mr. Shurr has now retired from an active business life.



#### ANDREW FERGUSON.

Andrew Ferguson, an old resident and enterprising farmer of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was there born in Porter township, April 29, 1845, the son of James G. and Ellen (McGuire) Ferguson, and grandson of Andrew Ferguson, of Scotch-Irish origin, who removed to Lycoming from Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, in the early thirties. He first settled in Clinton county near Chatham Run, and operated a grist mill. He married a Miss Graham, and by her the following named children were born: James G., Woods, Matthew, Ruth, Eliza-



beth, Rebecca, Sallie and Nellie. Mr. Ferguson and his wife later removed to a farm, which they lived on for some years, and where they died.

James G. Ferguson, the eldest child of Andrew and ——— (Graham) Ferguson, was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, and obtained his education in the schools of Clinton county. He was a farmer by occupation, owning an excellent farm of two hundred and forty acres of valuable land near Jersey Shore in Lycoming county. He was a man of intelligence and influence, served a term as associate judge of Lycoming county, and also held many minor offices, acquitting his duties with efficiency and credit. In 1843 he was united in marriage to Ellen McGuire, and the following named children were born to them: Andrew, mentioned at length hereinafter; Mary Jane, deceased; Margaret, Robert J., Wood, Joseph, deceased; and one other child who died in infancy. The death of James G. Ferguson occurred in the spring of 1888, and his wife survived him but a year.

Andrew Ferguson obtained his educational training in the schools of his native township, and upon leaving the school-room engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is the owner of a farm of seventy acres of valuable, fertile land, situated on Pine creek, and in 1903 he erected a handsome brick residence thereon. In addition to the cultivation of his farm, Mr. Ferguson has been interested in other pursuits. He conducted a threshing establishment for forty years and prospered in this business, and is also an expert engineer, and from time to time follows that occupation.

In politics Mr. Ferguson is a staunch Republican, adheres strictly to the principles of that organization, and loses no opportunity to advance the interests of his party. In matters of religion he accords with the doctrines of the Presbyterian faith. As a citizen Mr. Ferguson is

well thought of, and is held in the highest esteem by his fellow townsmen. He has held the office of constable for five years, and is now (1905) engaged in the duties of that position.

In 1883 Mr. Ferguson was united in marriage to Jennie Olmstead, born June 4, 1864, of Salladasburg. Their children are: James H., born October 24, 1887; and Laura B., born August 10, 1891. James H. was educated in the Lycoming county high school. Mrs. Andrew Ferguson is a daughter of Isaac and Rebeca Olmstead, both deceased; they were the parents of nine children. Isaac Olmstead was a farmer and lumberman. He died November 4, 1904, and his wife died about five years ago.



#### GILBERT J. DENNISTON.

Gilbert J. Denniston, a business man of prominence and ability of Porter township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, a man actively interested in the progress and development of Jersey Shore, and a veteran of the war of the rebellion, was born in Monroe, Orange county, New York, August 25, 1838, a son of Nathaniel W. and Elizabeth (Earl) Denniston, both natives of Orange county.

The Dennistons in this country antedate the days of the revolutionary war. The family is of Irish origin, the progenitor in this country being the great-great-grandfather of Gilbert J., who emigrated to the United States in the very early days of its settling. He had a son James, a native of County Longford, Ireland, who married and among whose children was Gilbert, a native of Orange county, New York, grandfather of Gilbert J. Denniston. Gilbert Denniston followed the occupation of farming, having a strong liking for agricultural pursuits, and proved himself to be a capable and practical farmer. During the war of 1812 Mr. Denniston furnished a man to go in his place, not

through fear or lack of patriotism, but because he knew that he could be of more value in civil life. He married a Miss Wheeler, and among the children born of this union was Nathaniel W., the father of Gilbert J. Denniston.

Nathaniel W. Denniston was born in Orange county, New York. His wife, Elizabeth Earl, was also a native of Orange county. In 1856 they removed to Pine Creek township, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Denniston was engaged in his occupation of farmer and lumberer. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Denniston are: Mary C., deceased; Gilbert J., mentioned at length hereinafter; George W., Delia, Batlisheba, Sarah, Rachel, Charles, deceased. The death of Nathaniel W. Denniston occurred in 1879, eighteen years after the death of his wife, in 1861.

Gilbert J. Denniston was reared in Monroe, Orange county, New York, and there received his education at the public schools. In 1858 he removed to Cummings township, Lycoming county, remaining there six years, during which period he was engaged in the occupation of lumbering. In early life Mr. Denniston learned the stone mason, brick-laying and plastering trade, which he followed in conjunction with his agricultural pursuits until about 1902. He is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of finely laid out and highly cultivated land, adjoining the borough of Jersey Shore.

In politics Gilbert J. Denniston affiliates with the Republican party, and loses no opportunity of advancing the interests of this organization. He was the first tax collector appointed in his township, and has served as assessor, auditor and school director. He was one of the promoters and has now an interest in the silk mill establishment in Jersey Shore. He is one of the directors of the Jersey Shore National Bank, and in 1904 was accorded the honor of being elected a delegate to the Repub-

lican state convention. In all the offices to which Mr. Denniston has been elected, he has discharged his responsible duties with the greatest efficiency and credit, thereby gaining the respect and confidence of his fellow townsmen. He is now (1905) engaged in the duties of overseer of the poor. In 1864, during the war of the rebellion, Mr. Denniston enlisted as a private in Company G, Two Hundred and Third Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was soon promoted to acting commissary sergeant, the duties of which position took him out of much active service, and in 1865 was honorably discharged, returning to home and civil life. He is an enthusiastic member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and served as adjutant one year.

In 1862 Mr. Denniston was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Miller, born November 20, 1842, daughter of Harmon and Fannie (English) Miller, natives of York county, Pennsylvania, and Little Pine Creek, Lycoming county, respectively. She was one of ten children: Michael, William, John, Henry, George, Mary A., Martha E., Margaret F., Julia and Sarah Jane. The five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Miller are veterans of the civil war. Michael, William and John were members of Company G, Eighth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and William and John died of fever while in the service; Henry was a member of Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-first Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; George enlisted, but was not assigned to any command. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert J. Denniston are as follows: Lawrence H.; Fannie A., deceased; Laura J., deceased; Harmon M., and Alice A., the wife of L. Curtin Thompson. Mr. Denniston and his family are regular and consistent attendants of the Methodist church.

## WARREN B. MASTERS.

Warren B. Masters, postmaster of Jersey Shore, is of English descent, and his maternal grandfather, Warren Bencoter, was a Revolutionary soldier. His grandparents on both sides were pioneer settlers in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, and were prosperous farming people. The Bencoters reared a family of twelve children.

Wesley Masters, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, resided upon a farm in Shickshinny, Luzerne county, for the greater part of his life, and his death occurred in that township.

Silas and Delilah (Bencoter) Masters, Warren B. Masters' parents, were both natives of Shickshinny. Silas Masters, who is still living and resides in Kingston, Luzerne county, was for a number of years engaged in business in Lock Haven, this state. Mrs. Delilah (Bencoter) Masters died in 1889. She was the mother of three children, namely: Warren B., Archibald and Eugene.

Warren B. Masters was born in Shickshinny, December 1, 1862. He was educated preliminarily in the public schools of his native township, and in 1880 was graduated from the high school in Lock Haven, whither his parents removed when he was fourteen years old. Immediately after the conclusion of his studies he entered mercantile business as a clerk in a dry-goods store at Lock Haven, in which capacity he continued for eight years, and in 1888 he engaged in a general mercantile business on his own account at Snow Shoe, this state. In 1891 he purchased the Blackwell general store in Jersey Shore, where he has ever since resided, and he carried on business successfully for a period of eleven years, or until 1902, when he was appointed postmaster, in which capacity he is still serving.

Mr. Masters' well-known business ability and sterling integrity



amply qualify him for the responsible position he now holds, and under his able direction the postal affairs of Jersey Shore are conducted in a most satisfactory manner. Politically he is a Republican and, although an ardent supporter of the principles of that party, he respects the opinions of his opponents, thereby acquiring the esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens as a whole, irrespective of politics. For a period of three years he served upon the school board and was twice elected president of that body. He is a charter member and past regent of the local Council No. 178, Royal Arcanum, and is past noble grand of Jersey Shore Lodge No. 101, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In November, 1885, Mr. Masters was united in marriage with Miss Marilla Gilbert, daughter of George and Susanna (King) Gilbert, of Larry Creek, this county. Their children are: Harry, Clarence, Cleta, Edna and John. Harry Masters is now a telegraph operator in the employ of the New York Central Railroad Company.

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#### GEORGE DAUBER.

The father of George Dauber, of Cogan Valley, was Jacob Dauber, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, where he learned the cabinet-maker's trade. About 1820 he emigrated to the United States and settled in New York city, where he followed his trade. In 1857 he moved to Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he bought a small farm of eleven acres, now owned and occupied by David Beach, at Quiggleville. Until about five years previous to his death he cultivated this farm, at the same time following the carpenter's trade as journeyman for George Stiber. He was a Democrat in politics, and served as elder, deacon and trustee in the Lutheran church.

Mr. Dauber married, in New York city, Margaret Wicker, a native



of the same place as himself, and the following children were born to them: 1. George, mentioned at length hereinafter. 2. Louise, born April 6, 1853, became the wife of Jacob Shaffer, of Williamsport, and has six children: Edward, William, Walter, Albert, Harry and Carl. 3. Caroline, born October, 1855, married William B. Hartman, a patternmaker of Williamsport. 4. Jacob, born June 16, 1859, married Lizzie Sander; he is a carpenter and foreman for Bennett & Woodnutt, Williamsport. 5. Lizzie, born March 14, 1863, married George Biter, a worker in a furniture factory in South Williamsport, and has had two children: Ralph, deceased; and Ruth. Mr. Dauber, the father, died December 15, 1897.

George Dauber, son of Jacob and Margaret (Wicker) Dauber, was born August 7, 1850, in New York city, and attended the public schools of Quiggleville. At the age of seventeen he began to learn the carpenter's trade, to which he served an apprenticeship with George Stiber, with whom he remained four years. At the end of that time he went to Williamsport, where he worked two years for Daniel Hartman and one year for William Slack at stair-building. In 1876 he returned to Cogan Valley and there worked for different contractors until about 1880, when he began contracting for himself, continuing in that line of business for a number of years. In 1878 he bought the "Samuel Reed farm," of forty-seven acres, in Cogan Valley, about two miles north of Cogan Valley Station. He remodelled the buildings and has since made his home on this estate. In 1890 he purchased the adjoining property, known as the "Hayes farm," of one hundred and ninety-six acres, and has one of the best farms in Cogan Valley. For twelve years he served on the school board, ten years as treasurer and two as secretary. His political principles are those of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Lutheran church at Quiggleville, in which he has

served eighteen years as trustee, and for some time as superintendent of the Sunday school. He was a member of the building committee, having charge of the erection of the new church, and was one of the carpenters employed in the work.

Mr. Dauber married, August 23, 1877, at the residence of J. M. Sander, the Rev. Eggars officiating, Regina Amalia, born March 3, 1859, daughter of Jacob M. and Sophia (Aderhold) Sander, and they have been the parents of the following children: 1. Bertha Louisa, born September 1, 1878, wife of Harry Stiber, merchant at New Berry, and mother of two children, Mae Huber, born December 29, 1900, and Chester Nelson, born March 27, 1903. 2. Sophia Caroline, born November 22, 1880, married Henry Stiber, carpenter for the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, at Perryville, Pennsylvania, and has two children: Henry Clifford, born April 15, 1902, died at the age of fourteen days; and Erma Irene, born February 1, 1905. 3. Margaret Elizabeth, born March 24, 1883, married Harry W. Schaefer, brother of Dr. J. E. Schaefer, employed at Jersey Shore by the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, and has two children: Brady William, born October 7, 1902; and Paul George, born January 31, 1905. 4. Anna Plumilla, born November 6, 1886, graduated from the Muncy Normal School, class of 1900-'03, taught two terms at Perryville and one term at Corters, and resides at home. 5. Jacob William, born October 28, 1889, at home. 6. Amalia, born March 6, 1892, died June 28, 1892. 7 and 8. George Elwyn and Grace Ethel (twins), born February 23, 1895. 9. Harry Llewellyn, born March 26, 1898. 10. Earl Luther, born March 26, 1901, died May 14, 1902.

## JAMES DALLAS SMITH.

James Dallas Smith, a practical and prosperous farmer of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born November 30, 1843, in Mifflin township, the son of Valentine and Martha (Robinson) Smith, and grandson of James and Matilda (Baird) Smith, of German and Scotch origin, respectively. They settled in Clinton county, Pennsylvania, not far from Lock Haven. James Smith was an industrious man and a useful citizen. He was a shoemaker by trade, following this occupation in the winter, and during the summer months he engaged in the cultivation of a hundred-acre farm which he owned. James and Matilda (Baird) Smith were the parents of the following named children: Valentine, father of J. D. Smith; Kline, John M., Absalom, Elizabeth, Mary A. and Jane.

Valentine Smith, eldest child of James Smith, was born in Clinton county, Pennsylvania, in 1823. In 1831 his parents removed to Lycoming county, locating in Mifflin township, and it was here that Valentine spent the greater part of his life. By occupation he was a farmer, a man of prominence and influence, and a useful member of the community. He owned several hundred acres of valuable land which he brought to a high state of cultivation. He held many offices in the township, and discharged his duties in a creditable manner. He married Martha Robinson, and by her were born five children: James Dallas, mentioned at length hereinafter; W. Tipton; Henry J., deceased; John A., deceased; and Mary, the deceased wife of John Gohl. The death of Valentine Smith occurred in 1896, some forty-two years after the demise of his wife. Of the five children who were born to them, but two, James Dallas and W. Tipton, survive.

James Dallas Smith was reared and educated in Salladasburg, and in early life turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and lumbering.





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In 1870 he removed to Porter township, and there in 1877 purchased a tract of fine farming land, comprising one hundred and twenty-six acres. This Mr. Smith has cultivated, and his farm is considered one of the finest in the county. On it he raises crops which bring the first market price, and has greatly improved his property by the erection and expansion of his buildings. Mr. Smith is an excellent farmer, a man of character and standing in the community, and is held in great regard by his fellow citizens. This is demonstrated by the fact that he has been elected to the positions of supervisor and assessor of Porter township. Politically Mr. Smith affiliates with the doctrines of the Republican party, and is ever ready and anxious to lend his assistance to any enterprise for the public benefit. In religious faith he is a consistent member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Smith enlisted in Company K, Eighth Veteran Volunteer Cavalry, September, 1863, served eighteen months and was discharged July 4, 1865.

In 1876 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Elizabeth Schwartz, to whom the following children were born: Henry V.; Effie, who is the wife of Henry Sellers; Delilah, the wife of Elsworth Fisher; Wilbur P., married Anna Teple; John A., deceased; Sarah, who is Mrs. John Coursen; and Minerva, who is the wife of Charles Fillman. The mother of these children passed away in 1883, and in 1889 Mr. Smith married for his second wife Sarah Whetstone, born December 22, 1842, daughter of Isaac and Persis (Richelderfer) Whetstone, English and German origin; the former died 1884, the latter 1883. They reside in Jersey Shore, where Mr. Smith owns property. His son Wilbur operates the home farm.

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#### GEORGE LUPPERT.

One of the representative men of Williamsport and a citizen of whom his home city has just reason to be proud is George Luppert. Mr. Luppert's career affords an example of perseverance which refuses



to be discouraged by repeated disasters and of courage which sets failure at defiance. There is probably no other man in the county who has suffered the reverses in business expectations which have fallen to the lot of Mr. Luppert, reverses which have all come from one source—Fire.

George Luppert, a native of Germany, married Anna Maria Pfirmann, also born in the Fatherland, and they were the parents of the following children: George, mentioned at length hereinafter; Valentine, who married Barbara Welker, and has two children, Valentine and George C., both of whom are married; Catherine, who became the wife of Frederick Beiter and is the mother of a large family; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Ludwig Steinhilper and has a number of children; and David, who married Mary Snyder and has five children.

George Luppert, eldest child of George and Anna Maria (Pfirmann) Luppert, was born November 2, 1835, in Bavaria, Germany, where he received a good common school education. In the summer of 1853 he emigrated to the United States, whither he was followed in the autumn of the same year by his father and his brothers and sisters. Mr. Luppert landed in New York and immediately proceeded to Philadelphia, where he remained six weeks, and in June, 1853, removed to Williamsport. There, in order to learn the carpenter's trade, he bound himself to Jacob Seckler for three years, the terms being that he should receive his board and washing, twenty-five dollars the first year, thirty-five the second and forty-five the third. When the railroad from Philadelphia was laid in that part of the county it was proposed to cut through the center of the lot belonging to his employer, in consequence of which Mr. Seckler sold all his property and removed further west. Thus, Mr. Luppert, after a year's service, was released from his apprenticeship. He then went into business for himself as a

carpenter, and at the same time, with the aid of all the books which he could obtain, applied himself to the study of construction, with the result that in the course of time he was able to take any contract that might be called for. He had been engaged in this way only six months when the railroad demanded skilled workmen. He offered his services and helped build a roundhouse. After this was completed the excellence of his work and his ability in management secured him employment in the carshops at a dollar and a quarter a day, with time and one-half for overwork and double time on Sunday. Sometimes his pay amounted to seventy-five dollars a month. In this position he made and saved money and here he remained until 1863.

The events of the Civil war aroused all Mr. Luppert's patriotism as an American citizen, and he gave proof of his allegiance to his adopted country by enlisting in the service of the government as a member of the Construction Corps at two dollars and a half a day. He served one year, at the end of which time he was discharged on account of illness.

In 1865 Mr. Luppert sold his property for seventeen hundred dollars, and was employed by the Fisher & Reading Lumber Company to erect necessary buildings and also tramways and dwellings for their employes, and in the fall of 1865 he built a building on a lot where the A. H. Heilman Furniture Company now stands, where he began his first business in the manufacture of furniture. In May, 1866, the entire plant was destroyed by fire, including the stock, both rough and finished, and all the books of the company. Mr. Luppert's troubles were magnified by this accumulation of losses, and in endeavoring to retrieve them he associated with himself several partners who did not all prove helpers. Therefore, in 1869, he purchased their interests and began in a small way for himself. He subsequently took as a partner Frederick Mankey and continued the connection under the firm name of Luppert, Mankey

& Company until 1871. This firm is said to have been the pioneer steam furniture manufacturers of Williamsport. About this time Peter Herdic, the visionary philosopher, thought it would be best for them to increase their business facilities and therefore erected a brick factory for them, where the Williamsport Manufacturing Company's plant now stands. Under the title of the Williamsport Furniture Company they began the manufacture of desks and chamber furniture, and in 1871 he received ten thousand dollars to come to South Williamsport and erect his furniture factory. This offer Mr. Luppert accepted, sold his interest, and engaged in business with A. H. Heilman, under the name of A. H. Heilman & Company, on the south side. The name was subsequently changed to that of the Susquehanna West Branch Furniture Company. The business was continued until March 3, 1875, when the entire plant, through the carelessness of the watchman, was destroyed by fire.

At this time Mr. Fisher, who had advanced the ten thousand dollars, died, but this amount was still available. Then Peter Herdic appeared on the scene and said that the factory must be rebuilt, and so it was. At the same time a sawmill was erected on adjacent land, and Mr. Luppert was prospering once more and in a fair way to discharge his obligations, but his old enemy was still on his track. In 1878 the sawmill adjoining his own caught fire, and, owing to the lack of fire apparatus and protection, his own plant ignited from the sparks and was utterly destroyed. Three disasters of this nature, occurring within so short a time, would have crushed the spirit of many men, but Mr. Luppert was not to be daunted. Determined on making another effort, he rebuilt the structures by his own unaided endeavors, and resumed business. It was, however, for but a brief period. In 1881 his watchman, who should have been on duty in the fire-room, when the fires were banked for the night, was elsewhere, the mill caught fire, and the total

destruction of the plant followed. It was valued at seventy-five thousand dollars and was only partially protected by an insurance of seventeen thousand.

At this time Mr. Luppert had been selling largely to a Baltimore firm, but had not been able to give them the quantity they wanted. This firm, in admiration of his pluck no less than of his business ability, advised him to rebuild on a larger scale, which he did. At the same time his former partners, the Williamsport Furniture Company, did all in their power to undersell him, the only result being a division of the trade. For this reason more push and pluck were needed in order to effect a beginning than on any previous occasion, but this was finally accomplished and the business once more firmly established, when the dry-house of the new factory caught fire and was burned to the ground, with no insurance.

In retrieving his fortunes this time Mr. Luppert took as a partner I. N. Kline, and under the name of Luppert, Kline & Company the business was continued for one year, the title being then changed to the Luppert-Kline Furniture Company, Limited, with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars. The first year there were no profits and the stockholders were dissatisfied. Mr. Reading, of the former firm of Fisher & Reading, furnished enough money to put up a finishing-shop, in order that they might be able to produce finished work, all their work thus far having been done in the white or unpainted style. Although the firm was able to pay dollar for dollar, it was found that, owing to poor office work, there had been no profits, and consequently they suspended business. Mr. Luppert then bought what was left (valued at about fifty thousand dollars), at sheriff's sale, paying only five thousand dollars, and finished the articles which were then in the works. At this juncture, by the carelessness of the office department, the insurance

policies were allowed to lapse until a stock worth seventy-five thousand dollars was left with an insurance of one thousand. While things were in this state another fire came. Mr. Luppert then began to rebuild and start business again on a small scale under the name of the Keystone Furniture Company, and has continued the business to the present day, which is of great magnitude. His ancient foe seems to have at last discovered that it is useless for him to contend with a man of the unquenchable spirit and indestructible fortitude possessed by his antagonist and to have retired from the contest. Today, simply by his own efforts, and spirit of true German determination, Mr. Luppert is the proprietor of an industry employing one hundred and fifty hands and is one of the wealthiest citizens of Williamsport. He manufactures nothing but chamber furniture, chiffoniers, et cetera.

Amid all the vicissitudes of his wonderfully eventful life Mr. Luppert has never forgotten to be a good citizen and has always enjoyed the highest esteem and fullest confidence of his neighbors. During his residence on the south side he has served on the city council and the school board, and is at the present time (1905) a member of the board of health.

Mr. Luppert married, March 11, 1856, Mary Welker, who was born in Bavaria, and the following children were born to them: Mary; George, who died by an accident; John, who married Jennie McCarthy; Lizzie; Annie, who is the wife of E. V. Koch; and Valentine, who married Carrie Moore and has two children, Mary Ethel and Anna Ernestine. The first home of Mr. and Mrs. Luppert was in Pine street, where Mr. Luppert had purchased land. On this land he erected, in his spare time, a small house, the total cost of which, not including his time and material, amounted to fifteen dollars. In their present magnificent residence, surrounded by all that wealth can bring, both Mr. and Mrs.



Luppert look back with pride and pleasure to this modest home of their early years. The entire family are members of the German Reformed church.

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#### LAWRENCE H. DENNISTON.

Lawrence H. Denniston, one of the enterprising business men of Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and one of the prominent and well-known citizens of his town, was born in Blue Stone township, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, in 1863, the son of Gilbert J. and Sarah J. (Miller) Denniston. Mr. Denniston's ancestral history will be found in the preceding sketch. He was reared in Porter township, and obtained his education in the public schools of that place. He later removed to Jersey Shore, where early in life he engaged in real estate speculating, in which enterprise he was attended with most gratifying success. He erected ten splendid residences in the third ward of Jersey Shore, thus contributing largely toward advancing the upbuilding and improvement of this town. In 1887 Lawrence H. Denniston entered the employ of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, and since 1893 has held the position of conductor. Politically Mr. Denniston is a sound Republican, and in matters of religion accords with the doctrines of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Denniston has held the office of town councilman and is a member of the Order of Railroad Conductors, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 173, Williamsport.

In 1885 Lawrence H. Denniston was united in marriage to Miss Flora E. Dewey, born September 3, 1862, in Vermont, daughter of Frederick and Catherine Dewey, natives of Vermont, and of this union the following named children were born: Catherine, June 25, 1887; and Gilbert, February 28, 1901.



## JOHN H. WOLF.

Among its deceased citizens Jersey Shore remembers with respect John H. Wolf. The family to which Mr. Wolf belonged was of German origin, having been founded in this country by three brothers who emigrated from the Fatherland. One found a home in New York, another directed his course westward, and the third, who was the grandfather of Mr. Wolf, settled in Pennsylvania.

Isaac Wolf, son of this emigrant ancestor, was born in McEwensville, Berks county, Pennsylvania, and was by occupation a shoemaker. In early manhood he migrated to Clinton county. During the latter part of his life he abandoned his trade, which he had hitherto followed, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing a farm on which he ended his days. He married, January 29, 1849, Elvina Shoemaker, also a native of McEwensville, and their children were: John H., mentioned at length hereinafter; Isaac; Sarah C., deceased; Margaret E.; Mary M.; Rachel A.; and Charles, deceased.

John H. Wolf, son of Isaac and Elvina (Shoemaker) Wolf, was born June 29, 1850, in Clinton county, Pennsylvania, and was educated in the common schools of his native place. He chose for his life-work the occupation of a farmer, to which he assiduously devoted himself until 1888, when he became a resident of Jersey Shore. He was a citizen of sterling qualities and served with efficiency as supervisor of Porter township. In accordance with the traditions of his family he was a Republican in politics and a Lutheran in faith.

Mr. Wolf married, in 1880, Anna Hibeck, and they were the parents of four sons: Henry, I. Otto, Charles and William, twins. The death of Mr. Wolf, which occurred October 23, 1889, was mourned by all who knew him, feeling as they did that by this event his family had lost a kind husband and father, and the community an estimable citizen.

Mrs. Wolf is the daughter of Henry Hibeck, who was born in Germany, and in 1853 emigrated to the United States and settled at Charlton, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, where he lived ten years. He was a prosperous lumberman, and like all his family a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religious belief. He married in 1854, Anna B. Koerner, also a native of Germany, and of the children born to them only two grew to maturity: Mary, who married M. N. Thomas; and Anna, who became the wife of John H. Wolf, as mentioned above. Mrs. Hibeck died March 28, 1889, and her husband survived her ten years, passing away in 1899. Henry and Anna Hibeck, in early life, united with the Lutheran church and were consistent members till death, having been charter members of Zion Lutheran church of Jersey Shore.

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JAMES M. CHESNUT.

James M. Chesnut, proprietor of a large cold-storage warehouse in Jersey Shore, was born in Fulton county, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1857, son of John and Elizabeth (Flora) Chesnut. His parents were natives of Fulton county, and his grandfather, George Chesnut, was the son of a pioneer in that locality. John Chesnut was a well-known educator of Fulton county in his day and taught school for a period of twenty-two years. He was the father of a large family of children, eight of whom grew to maturity, namely: George, Charlotte, James M., Eva, Alice B., Jennie, Annie (who is no longer living), and Ella.

After concluding his studies in the public schools, James M. Chesnut, at the age of seventeen years, went to West Virginia, where for some years he was engaged in the milling and lumber business, and during that time he acquired considerable knowledge of the millwright's trade. In 1880 he went to Hughesville, Pennsylvania, where his father

had purchased a flouring mill, and there his knowledge of milling in general was still further increased. Realizing the necessity of acquiring a technical knowledge of mechanics, he pursued a course in the International Correspondence School at Scranton, Pennsylvania, and he subsequently attended the Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Commercial College, from which he was graduated in 1882. He next turned his attention to teaching school, which he soon relinquished to accept the position of bookkeeper with J. H. Connoly and Company in Shamiokin, Pennsylvania, but, deciding to devote his efforts to mechanics, he connected himself with the works of the Tide-Water Pipe Company of Muncy, Pennsylvania, where he remained eighteen months. His next occupation was that of an engineer in a planing-mill, and with a view of varying his experience he for a time served as shipping clerk for J. K. Rishell Furniture Company of Hughesville, Pennsylvania. He was later employed to install the machinery for the Muncy Manufacturing Company, was for a time engineer and machinist for George Lupert, and became connected with the Wycoff Pipe Works. During his association with that concern he made various improvements in their line of products, being the patentee of a species of patent (bit) reamer for making wooden pipe, which became a very profitable branch of their business, and he organized the Williamsport Wooden-Pipe Company, of which he became superintendent. In 1902 he erected, in association with a partner, a planing-mill in Jersey Shore, which he operated under the firm name of J. M. Chesnut Company, Incorporated, and sold out to Frank Ulmer and C. B. Bastain; it was destroyed by fire June 8, 1904. He also erected a cold-storage warehouse and a vinegar manufactory, both of which he is now carrying on successfully, using a gasoline engine and other improved apparatus. These enterprises are among the finest of their kind in this part of the county. In addition to his industrial prop-

erty, he owns considerable real estate in Jersey Shore, and has erected two dwelling houses. He has recently gone to May, South Carolina, to erect a planing-mill and conduct a lumber business.

In politics Mr. Chesnut is a Prohibitionist and has been twice a candidate for the assembly. His religious affiliations are with the Methodist Episcopal church. In 1883 he married Miss Barbara E. Crosthwaite, who was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, daughter of M. P. and Rebecca Crosthwaite, the former of whom is a Methodist minister. Mr. and Mrs. Chesnut have four children, namely: Durbin L., Eva M., Lawrence E., and June V. Chesnut.

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#### TUNISON C. DINGLER.

One of those men whose influence, in whatever community they may reside, is invariably on the side of progress and reform was Tunison C. Dingler, for many years one of the most highly respected citizens of Jersey Shore.

The father of Mr. Dingler was John Dingler, a blacksmith by trade and a first-class mechanic. He married Martha Coryell and their children were: Charlotte, John, Sarah J., who resides in Williamsport, in the home with C. C. Gibson, and the only living member of the family; Joseph, George, and Tunison C., mentioned at length hereinafter. Mr. Dingler was in all respects an excellent man. He and his wife were members of the Baptist church.

Tunison C. Dingler, son of John and Martha (Coryell) Dingler, was born April 15, 1826, in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. In 1836 his parents moved to Jersey Shore and it was there that the remainder of his life, with the exception of the period during which he was learning the saddler's trade at Williamsport, was passed. After serving his ap-

prenticeship he returned to Jersey Shore and there conducted his business for many years. Subsequently, in company with Dr. Smith, he became a dealer in general merchandise and in 1880 bought out his father-in-law, John Durell, a merchant of long standing. This business was conducted by Mr. Dingler during the remainder of his life. After the big fire of 1883 he erected a large store building on Main street, where he resumed his business, now occupied by C. M. Irvin, hardware. In 1889 his store was flooded, having seven feet of water on the first floor. He was obliged to move his business to Allegheny street, where he continued until his death. His widow and family reside on the old homestead on Allegheny street, on the bank of the old canal.

As a citizen of Jersey Shore, Mr. Dingler was for many years one of the most conspicuous figures in moral reform. The temperance cause found in him a zealous champion, and in conformity to his convictions he cast the first vote which the Prohibition party ever received in Jersey Shore. During the civil war he took an active part in raising funds to enable the state to furnish and equip the troops going to the front. He held the office of deacon in the Baptist church.

Mr. Dingler married, in 1850, Margaret E. Durell, and of their twelve children eight are now living: Martha, at home; Sarah H., at home; Clara, at home; Annie, who married J. H. Groff and is the mother of four children, three of whom are living, Susan B., Charles S., deceased, Mary D. and Meredith; Charlotte, who is the wife of H. F. Bubb, of Milton, Pennsylvania, and they have two sons, Tunice and George L.; John D., who married Mary Bowersock, now deceased, no issue; Tunison C., who married Grace Brown, and they have four children, Robert B., Meriam Albina, John Durell II and Charlotte; and Harry D., of Williamsport.

Mr. Dingler closed his useful and profitable life on March 25, 1893,



but will long be remembered as a man and a citizen whose influence for good was felt throughout the entire community as long as he lived.

Mrs. Dingler is a daughter of John Durell, who came from New Jersey, and his wife from Little York, Pennsylvania, and settled in Williamsport. In 1825 he removed to Jersey Shore, where he engaged in mercantile business, and at the time of his death was the oldest merchant in the place. He was also extensively engaged in the lumber business, owned and operated two sawmills and ran two boats on the canal. He was one of the early directors in the Williamsport Bank. Politically he was a staunch Democrat, and in religious belief a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which he was a liberal contributor. His wife was Sarah Peterman, and they were the parents of the following children: Mary, who married Richard Bodine and had seven children, three living; Margaret E., who became the wife of Tunison C. Dingler, as mentioned above; Martha; Henrietta, wife of John Potter, now deceased; Henry, deceased, married Clara Hammet, who resides in Jersey Shore and part of the time in New York, no issue; John, deceased; and Sarah, deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Durell were most highly and deservedly esteemed by all who knew them.

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JOHN M. JONES.

John M. Jones, a practical farmer and industrious citizen of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born in Germany, October 29, 1857, a son of John and Christina Jones. John Jones, Sr., was born in Bavaria, Germany, January 16, 1827. He was a miller by trade, which occupation he followed in his native country, being familiar with the process by which a high grade of flour was manufactured. He married his wife Christina in the Fatherland, and there their first two



children, Margaret and John M., were born. John Jones and his family emigrated to the United States in 1859, locating in Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Jones engaged in lumbering and operating saw mills until 1878. In that year he purchased a tract of farming land in Clinton county, comprising thirty acres. In 1891 he purchased a farm in Lycoming county, comprising one hundred acres of fertile, well laid out land. Mr. Jones was an excellent farmer, and brought his two properties to a high state of cultivation. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones after their arrival in this country, namely: Henry, deceased; William; Mary; Carrie; and Frank, born in 1874. The death of John Jones occurred August 16, 1904. His widow died in September, 1905. Henry and Frederick Jones, the brothers of John Jones, accompanied him and his family to this country. Henry is now deceased, as is also Frederick, who returned to the old country.

John M. Jones, second child and eldest son of John Jones, Sr., like his father, follows agricultural pursuits. He and his two brothers, William and Frank, occupy and conduct the farms in Clinton and Lycoming counties. John M. Jones is an industrious, enterprising farmer, and a useful member of the community. He is deeply interested in educational matters, and is now serving as school director.

In 1892 John M. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Tabitha Dorey, a daughter of Richard and Virginia (Baird) Dorey. One child was born to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Jones, Harry L. Carrie, a sister of John M. Jones, married Graham Smith; Frank, a brother, who married Mary Homler in 1904, to whom was born one child, a son, Clarence; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of Charles Shaw, and had one child, now deceased. Mr. Jones, our subject, is a Democrat.

## EDWARD K. FIESTER.

One of the leading business men of Jersey Shore is Edward K. Fiester, who is of German extraction. His father, Reuben Fiester, was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he was an extensive farmer, but later engaged in business as a butcher. During the Civil war he served as a private in the Eleventh Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry, and also in the ninety-day troops, receiving honorable discharges from both organizations. He married Lydia Schrair, also a native of Lycoming county, whose ancestors came from Germany, and their children were: James D., deceased; Edgar D., Mary, Angeline, Emma, Carrie, and Edward K., mentioned at length hereinafter. Mrs. Fiester was but fifty-eight years old at the time of her death, while her husband survived to the advanced age of eighty-five years, eight months and twenty-five days. He died February 10, 1902.

Edward K. Fiester, son of Reuben and Lydia (Schrair) Fiester, was born January 19, 1840, in Muncy Creek, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and was educated at the common schools in his native place. He then learned the blacksmith's trade, but his labors were early interrupted by the outbreak of the Civil war. June 21, 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Reserve, and before the expiration of his term participated in the following battles: Granesville, Fredericksburg and Mechanicsville. In the last-named engagement, which took place June 27, 1863, he received a gun-shot wound in both thighs, and was honorably discharged the same year.

On his return to civil life Mr. Fiester settled in Jersey Shore, where for twenty-five years he was employed as carriage blacksmith by G. P. Nice. October 12, 1891, he went into business as head of

the firm of E. K. Fiester & Son, proprietors of marble and monumental works. Their yard is an extensive one where can be found all kinds of granite, both foreign and domestic, and where the best workmanship is furnished. From the day of its organization to the present time the firm has carried on a flourishing business. Since 1903 Mr. Fiester has resided in a beautiful and commodious house erected by himself. His record as a citizen is noteworthy. For fifteen years he served as school director, and for twelve years was a member of the borough council, during one year holding the office of president of that body. For a period of four years he served with universal satisfaction as postmaster of Jersey Shore. He holds the office of treasurer in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he and his family are members.

Mr. Fiester married, January, 1866, Mary A. Rowe, and the following children were born to them: Nelson E., Ernest K., Maggie M., Cora M., and George C., deceased. Nelson E. married Nancy Dougherty, and has one child, Clarissa P.; Nelson E. is in business with his father; Ernest K. married Jennis Kline, and has one child, Edward; Maggie M. is the wife of F. Bosswell, and the mother of four children; Ralph E., Dorothy M., Edward O. and Fletcher; and Cora M. is the wife of John M. Nancarrow, and has two children, James E. and Harry F.

Mrs. Fiester is the daughter of Adam Rowe, who went to Jersey Shore in 1842. He was a wagonmaker and for a number of years worked at his trade, but later in life became a farmer. He married Margaret Shannon, and of the six children born to them three are now living: Mary A., who became the wife of Edward K. Fiester, as mentioned above; William N., and Emma J.

## CHILDS FAMILY.

The earliest record we have of the Childs family is of Archippus P. Childs, who was born November 31, 1797, and died February 19, 1860. He married Margaret Sax, who was born October 16, 1803, and died June 11, 1892. They are buried on the east side of the Washington Street cemetery, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Archippus Childs was of Scotch origin. He was a millwright by trade, and lived at Montoursville, Pennsylvania. He built the Noble mill and also the mill at Blackwells, on Pine Creek. Archippus and his wife were the parents of the following children: Bradley, born December 5, 1819, married Margaret Wilson. Julia Ann, born October 25, 1821, married John Strong. Maria, born August 15, 1824, married George Lowman. Harriet, born May 5, 1827, married William Steel. Isabell, born November 27, 1829, died December 3, 1849. Margaret, born April 12, 1832, married G. L. Staples. Joseph S., born September 24, 1835, to be mentioned hereinafter. James B., born January 1, 1838, died about six years of age. Mary, born April 15, 1841, died August 26, 1844.

Joseph S. Childs, son of Archippus and Margaret (Sax) Childs, was born September 24, 1835, and received his education in the common schools and in Dickinson Seminary. He learned the trade of a millwright with his father, and followed it for many years. He was also extensively engaged in the lumber business on Hoagland Run, from 1865 to 1872. He then came to Jersey Shore, and in 1867 entered into partnership under the firm name of Martin, Wood and Childs. Mr. Martin retired from the business at the end of two years, and the business was continued under the name of Wood and Childs. In 1869 they built a large mill at Jersey Shore, which they operated until 1889. They also built and operated a mill on Pine creek, below Slate Run, and in

the summer of 1895 they built another mill at Cammal, Pennsylvania, which they operated until July, 1905, when they closed out the business. In the summers of 1894 and 1895 Mr. Childs, in connection with his partner, Mr. Wood, and with Mr. Robert McCullough and Mr. Daniel Shepp, built the Cammal and Black Forest Railroad. Mr. Childs was a man of great force of character, independence, and enterprise. He was greatly respected and highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which he regularly attended. In politics he was a Republican, and served two terms as burgess of Jersey Shore. He was made a Mason in La Belle Valley Lodge No. 232, Free and Accepted Masons, of Jersey Shore. Mr. Childs was married at Muncy, Lycoming county, January 25, 1866, by the Rev. William Life, to Mary Elizabeth Mecum, who died in November, 1902. They were the parents of nine children, of whom four are living, the others having died in infancy and early childhood.

1. Harry S. Childs, son of Joseph S. and Mary Elizabeth (Mecum) Childs, was born at Houghlam Run, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, April 9, 1867, and was educated in the schools of Jersey Shore and the Commercial College at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Mr. Childs followed the lumber business, being the superintendent for Wood and Childs, at Cammal, from 1889 until 1904. By his close application to business he has always made a success of any position he has held. He is a member of Cammal Lodge No. 1001, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having passed all the chairs and been secretary for two years. He is also a member of Widauh Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men, No. 143. Mr. Childs is at present engaged in the brokerage business and has his offices in the Sallada building, on Main street, Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. He is a public-spirited citizen, and a stanch upholder of the Republican party. He was married June 26, 1888, to Miss Beulah



Harris, daughter of Robert and Esther (Price) Harris, and they have been blessed with three children: Emily, born April 9, 1889, died March 17, 1890; Marion Esther, born January 30, 1894; and Mary Elizabeth, born January 8, 1898. Mr. Harris, Mrs. Childs' father, is living at Jersey Shore with his daughter. He is a veteran of the civil war, where he served with bravery. Mrs. Harris died August 9, 1901, under very tragic conditions. She lit the gas in a stove and threw the match over her shoulder; it fell upon a portion of her clothing and, before help could reach her, she was enveloped in flames and so severely burned that her death was but a matter of a very short time. The accident occurred in Washington, District of Columbia. Mr. Harry S. Childs bought and remodeled the John A. Gamble property, on Main street, and now resides in the same, having provided it with all modern improvements and comforts.

2. J. Bradley Childs, son of Joseph S. and Mary Elizabeth (Mecum) Childs, was born at Houghlan Run, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1869. He was educated in the common schools and the Electric Institute of Jersey Shore. Mr. Childs has been engaged in the lumber business all his life. In 1896 he varied his occupation somewhat, taking up the different branches of the business, and in 1904 he was appointed superintendent of the business. On April 13, 1905, Mr. Childs moved from Cammal to Jersey Shore, where he owns five of the finest residences in the place. He has just completed one at a cost of over ten thousand dollars, and occupies it with his family. Mr. Childs is a large shareholder in the Jersey Shore and Antesfort Railroad Company. His political support is given to the Republican party. He has held the office of auditor four terms, and that of town clerk three terms, at Cammal, Pennsylvania. Mr. Childs married, September 17, 1896, Miss Carrie C. Houser, born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, June 3, 1877, daughter

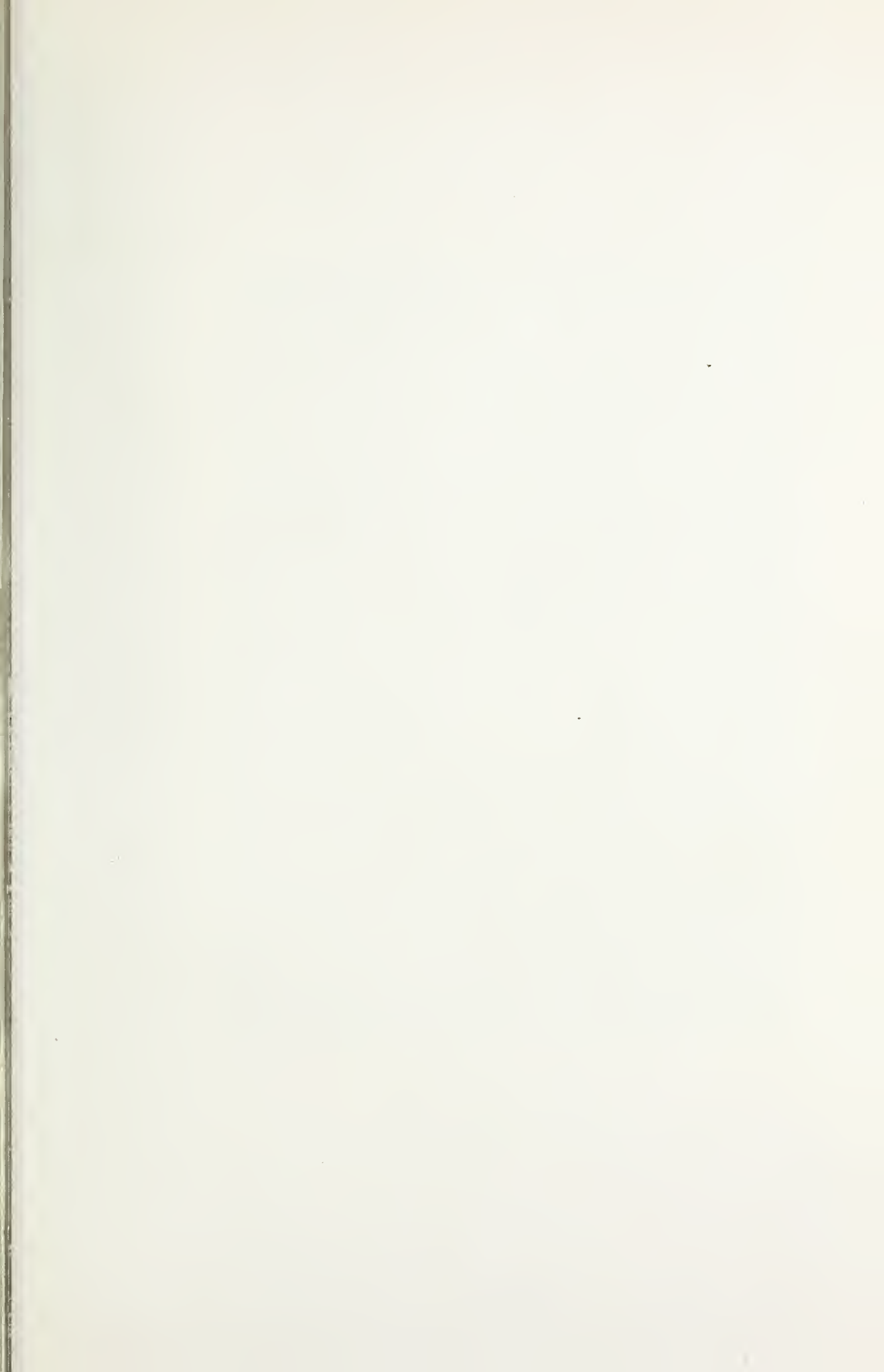


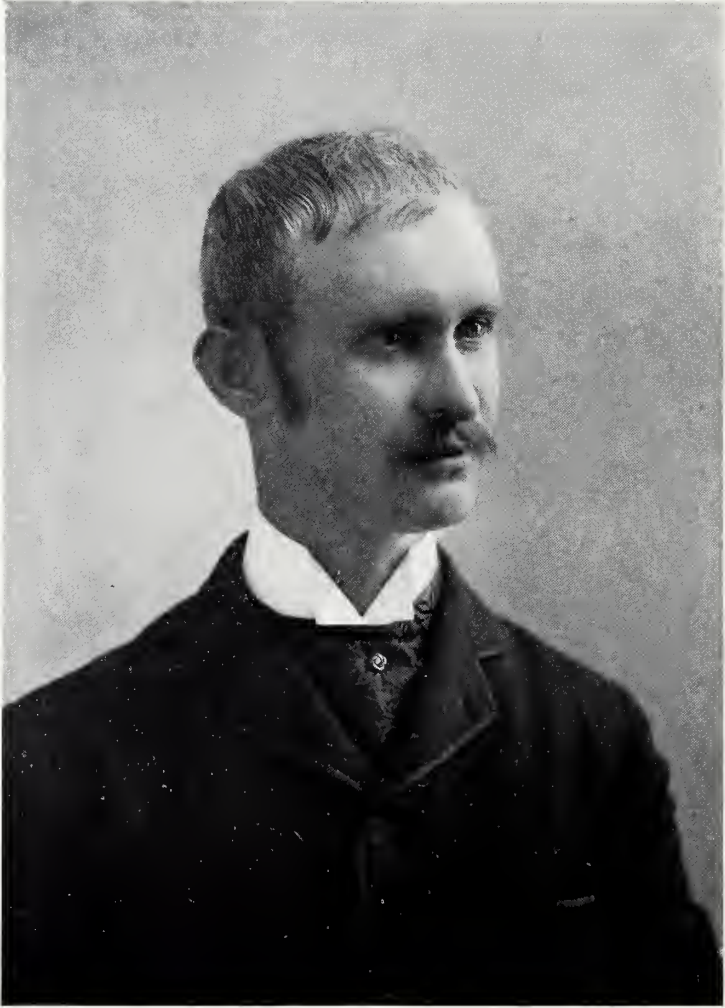
of Charles and Elizabeth (Mahl) Houser. The former was a prominent business man of Jersey Shore, being engaged in the brewing business. The latter still resides at Jersey Shore. J. Bradley and Carrie C. Childs are the parents of two children: Margaret M., born at Jersey Shore, January 13, 1898; and Joseph Sinton, born at Cammal, Pennsylvania, October 21, 1899. Mr. Childs is a member of Lodge No. 379, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Knights of the Maccabees, the Improved Order of Red Men, Widauh Tribe, and of the National Protective Legion, all of Jersey Shore. The family are regular attendants at the Lutheran church.

3. Robert Otto, son of Joseph S. and Mary Elizabeth (Mecum) Childs, born January 14, 1872, died September 15, 1877.

4. George Irvin Pfouts, son of Joseph S. and Mary Elizabeth (Mecum) Childs, born May 3, 1875, died May 10, 1875.

5. William Hesser Childs, son of Joseph S. and Mary Elizabeth (Mecum) Childs, was born at Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, April 9, 1877. He attended the common schools and the Electric Institute of Jersey Shore, and took a business course in the commercial college at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He attended the state college at Bellefonte, 1897 and 1898, and entered the University of Pennsylvania in 1902, graduating in 1905 as a dentist. He came to Williamsport in the spring of 1905 and purchased an interest in the automobile business of Frank C. Holmes, and August 15, 1905, they formed a stock company and now have the largest place of the kind in the city, on West Third street, handling all the high grades of cars and carrying on a livery business in addition. On June 22, 1904, Mr. Childs married Miss Effie May Missimer, born at Jersey Shore, August 3, 1883, daughter of Malcolm and Rodie (Lamison) Messimer. Mr. and Mrs. Childs have no children. Mr. Messimer is a contractor at Jersey Shore. Mr. Childs affil-





*John Swirly*

iates with the Republican party. He was made a Mason in La Belle Valley Lodge No. 232, Free and Accepted Masons, June 5, 1904, at Jersey Shore Consistory, Valley of Williamsport, June 29, 1904, Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, September 2, 1904.

6. Odie May, daughter of Joseph S. and Mary Elizabeth (Mecum) Childs, born August 21, 1879, died December 1, 1880.

7. Odie May (second), daughter of Joseph S. and Mary Elizabeth (Mecum) Childs, was born November 12, 1881, and married Harry Todd. They reside at St. Joseph, Missouri.

8. Mary M., daughter of Joseph S. and Mary Elizabeth (Mecum) Childs, born January 28, 1886, died October 30, 1893.

9. Meckly, youngest child of Joseph S. and Mary Elizabeth (Mecum) Childs, born August 7, 1889, died in infancy.



#### JAMES W. SWEELY.

James W. Sweely, deceased, was for many years owner and manager of the "Williamsport Sun," which under his careful and judicious management was one of the leading newspapers of the city, exerting a powerful influence for good in the community by its fearless and just editorials. He was well qualified for the position owing to his thorough training, true journalistic instincts, broad knowledge of affairs and keen discrimination of men, and his paper was the exponent of the highest interests of the city, state and nation.

His ancestry dated back to the year 1517, the name at that early period having been spelled Schwille. The name points to a Slavic or rather Roman origin. Swilus, a name of the time of Homeric Eumaeus, appears as early as the sixteenth century in several branches of Pfulingen; Jorg, Forg, Haus, Martin, Michel Schwille (Sweely), which

cannot be traced back to a common ancestor. Up to the present generation the Martins are the principal branch in Pfullingen. In their families are to be found aristocratic sponsors, namely: Count George Adam von Wallenstein; George Meiser, of The Court; Bernhard Munchinger, official clerk; wife and daughter of Mr. Johann George Brotbeck, cloister inspector; and wife of Master-of-Arts Johann Conrad Eusselin, a deacon. The numerous descendants of this old and honorable family have followed many professions and occupations, in all of which they have gained prominence and renown, and they have been instrumental factors in the growth and development of the various communities in which they resided.

James W. Sweely was united in marriage to Carrie Belle Cook, and two children were born to them, namely: Isabel Stuart and Lucius Cook Sweely.

The Cook family, of which Carrie Belle (Cook) Sweely is a representative, was founded in this country by Sir Francis Cooke, who was a passenger on the "Mayflower." Among his children was a son John, who in turn was the father of a son Walter, who was born in Weymouth, Massachusetts, 1643. Walter Cooke became a freeman in 1657, and six years later, 1663, accompanied by his wife, Katherine, and children—John, Hannah, Samuel, Nicholas and Experience—removed to Mendon, Massachusetts.

Nicholas Cooke, third son of Walter and Katherine Cooke, was born at Weymouth, Massachusetts, February 9, 1660. He resided in what is now Blackstone, Massachusetts. He married, first, November 14, 1684, Johanna Rockwood, and second, December 18, 1712, Mehitable Staples, widow of Abraham Staples, at Mendon. His children were: Josiah, born June 10, 1685; Nicholas, June 10, 1687, married Elizabeth Staples; Johanna, February 13, 1688; Mary, October 8, 1690, became

the wife of Joseph Holbrook, December 29, 1710; Ann, March 4, 1695; Seth, April 28, 1699; Daniel, August 18, 1703; David, November 19, 1705, married Hannah Ballou; he served in the capacity of deacon; Abigail, October 4, 1707; Noah in 1710, married, first, Kesiah Allbie, and second, Olive Gaskill.

Deacon Nicholas Cook, second son of Nicholas and Johanna (Rockwood) Cooke, was born June 10, 1687. He was a deacon of the First Baptist church, Bellingham, Massachusetts. By his marriage to Elizabeth Staples the following named children were born: Jemima, November 16, 1716, became the wife of Aaron Thayer, of Mendon, Massachusetts; Nathaniel, September 15, 1718, mentioned hereinafter; Peter, September 6, 1720, lived to be almost one hundred years of age; in 1739, at the age of nineteen years, he married Elizabeth Bates, of Bellingham, Massachusetts, and in 1746 married for his second wife Mercy Wanton. He was captain in the Second Company of Scituate, Rhode Island, Providence county, Colonel Knight Dexter's Regiment; Daniel, September 12, 1722, married Elizabeth Scott, December 25, 1746; William, December 12, 1724, married Priscilla Ballou; Caleb, September 25, 1727, married, September 17, 1753, Providence Gaskell; Elizabeth, July 15, 1729, became the wife of Captain Abner Aldrich, December 10, 1747; Abigail, November 1, 1731, became the wife of Joseph Thayer, March 12, 1751; Nicholas, February 9, 1733, married Phillis Jillson, October 20, 1759; Susanna, March 6, 1738; Joanna, November 14, 1740; Ezekial, June 19, 1744, married Jerusha Ballou, at the age of nineteen years.

Elder Nathaniel Cooke, eldest son of Deacon Nicholas and Elizabeth (Staples) Cooke, was born September 15, 1718. He married Martha Ballou, of Cumberland, Rhode Island. Both are buried in the Ballou burying ground in Cumberland. Their children were: Jerusha,



born April 2, 1743, became the wife of Thomas Wood, 1764; James, July 23, 1744; Elias, August 15, 1746; Nathaniel, April 4, 1748, married Amy Whipple; Ariel, October 15, 1749, married Dorcas Whipple, February 20, 1772; Martha, September 18, 1751, became the wife of Amos Whipple; Silas, March 23, 1753, mentioned hereinafter; Phebe, January 15, 1755, became the wife of Joseph Thayer; Elizabeth, April 25, 1757, became the wife of Benjamin Thayer; Judith, January 19, 1759, became the wife of Nicholas Thayer; Ananias, June 12, 1761, married Sallie Butler.

Silas Cooke, fifth son of Elder Nathaniel and Martha (Ballou) Cooke, was born in Cumberland, Rhode Island, March 23, 1753, and died in Pelham, Massachusetts, February 12, 1842. His wife, whose maiden name was Joanna Darling, and whom he married October 26, 1775, bore him thirteen children, namely: Reuben, December 27, 1776; Philena, September 24, 1778; Phebe, July 16, 1780; James, May 27, 1782; Silas, February 22, 1784; Joanna, February 7, 1786; Olney, June 29, 1788; Ziba, February 27, 1791; Miranda, April 9, 1793; Michael, May 29, 1796; Michael (2), November 23, 1798; Olney (2), October 9, 1801; Maria Anna, April 4, 1819, this being the child of his second marriage.

Olney Cook, youngest child of Silas and Joanna (Darling) Cooke, was born October 9, 1801. He dropped the "e" in the name. He married Emily Draper, who bore him a number of children.

Lucius W. Cook, son of Olney and Emily (Draper) Cook, was born October 20, 1832. He married Isabel A. Clark, daughter of Wilkins Vurnett and Catherine Flagg (Stuart) Clark, and their children were: Carrie Belle, who married James W. Sweely, the subject of this sketch, and who died January 8, 1904, and their children were: Isabel Stuart and Lucius Cook Sweely; Frank Lucius, unmarried, who

resides in Harrisburg; George Dexter, who married Bertha May Bunker, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, and now resides in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. They have one child, Louise Webster Dexter, born May 15, 1905.

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HON. J. HARRIS MCKINNEY.

Hon. J. Harris McKinney, one of the distinguished citizens of Lycoming county, president of the National Bank of Jersey Shore, and a leading representative of the agricultural interests of his section of the state, is a descendant of an honorable and eminent ancestry. He is a representative of the Scotch-Irish element that forms so important a factor in our American citizenship. The name was originally spelled McKinnie, and the family was founded in America by Henry McKinney, great-grandfather of J. Harris McKinney, who was born in Scotland or the northern part of Ireland, and came to this country in 1720, settling in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming. He was the father of several children, among whom were the following: Henry, James, John and Mathew, James and Mathew removing to Mercer county, Pennsylvania, in young manhood. Henry McKinney (great-grandfather) died at his home in Dauphin county, and his remains are supposed to have been interred in the historic graveyard surrounding Derry Church, in which he held membership and was one of its most faithful workers.

John McKinney, grandfather of J. Harris McKinney, was born on the banks of the Swatara river, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, and was reared to manhood there, making farming his life occupation. In 1780, accompanied by his wife and five children, he removed to Northumberland county, traveling by team, and upon the farm which he purchased in Turbot township spent his remaining days. He served in the

capacity of elder in Derry Church, in Dauphin county, which was known as the fighting church, for the members were forced to carry their guns with them in order to protect themselves from the Indians. Mr. McKinney, with several others, founded the Warrior Run Church in Northumberland county, to which they gave the name of Derry Church. He was a man of unflinching honor and integrity and very prominent in the community. By his marriage to Jane Laird sixteen children were born, eleven of whom died in early life and were buried in Derry churchyard, and those who reached years of maturity were: John, who married Nancy Wallace and died in Northumberland county; James Harris, mentioned hereinafter; Catharine, wife of John Innes, of Dunnstable township, Clinton county; Mathew, who died in Porter township, Lycoming county; and William, who was killed by the falling of a tree in Northumberland county. John McKinney, father of these children, was buried with the other members of his family in Derry churchyard.

James Harris McKinney, father of J. Harris McKinney, was born on the bank of the Swatara river in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1793. During his boyhood his educational advantages were limited to the knowledge obtained in the district school, but in later years he added to the same by diligent study and keen observation. When nineteen years of age he joined the army for service in the war of 1812 under Captain Gaston, and performed the duties allotted to him in a creditable manner at Black Rock, New York, with the Warrior Run Rifle Company. He served his country faithfully and was rewarded in later years with a pension from the government. On attaining his majority he removed to Northumberland county, where he engaged in farming for several years, and in 1830 came to Nittany Valley and purchased a farm in Clinton county, making many excellent improvements

thereon during his seven years residence there. After disposing of the same he removed to Pine Creek township and purchased the Myers farm, located ten miles from Lock Haven and consisting of two hundred acres, and thereon built a handsome brick residence at a cost of more than four thousand dollars, also a commodious and substantial barn. He placed his land under a high state of cultivation, stocked it with a fine grade of cattle and horses, and in due course of time it ranked among the finest pieces of property in that section of the state. In Northumberland county, January 1, 1818, Mr. McKinney was united in marriage to Ruth L. Ferguson, who was a native of that county, born April 11, 1799, daughter of Andrew Ferguson, a farmer of Northumberland county, and of Scotch-Irish descent. Their children were as follows: John, deceased. Esther G., deceased, who was the wife of Robert M. Russell, of Dewart, Northumberland county. Nancy, who died in young womanhood. Andrew C., deceased, formerly a miller of Pine Creek township. William L., who died at the age of twenty-two years. Jane, who died in Nittany Valley. David F., a physician, who served as surgeon of the Eighty-seventh Regiment during the war of the rebellion; he married Mary Trego, only daughter of William E. Trego, of Baltimore, Maryland, and they reside in Frederick City, Maryland. J. Harris, mentioned at length hereinafter. Priscilla, widow of Oliver P. Montgomery, of Watsontown, Pennsylvania. James H. McKinney, the father of these children, was a Whig and Republican in politics and was called to various local offices, in which he served with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He and his family were consistent members of the Presbyterian church. He died at the old homestead March 14, 1879, and his wife passed away July 3, 1880, and their remains were interred at Jersey Shore.

J. Harris McKinney acquired his preliminary education in the dis-

strict school of his native township, and afterward attended the high school of Jersey Shore, at that time under the direction of the Presbyterian church. He then returned to the farm where he has since continued, and during the declining years of his parents administered to their comfort and welfare. After the death of his father he assumed charge of the homestead, and during the intervening years has added thereto many improvements, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the entire estate bespeaks the personal supervision of a master hand. He is one of the extensive tobacco growers in this section of the county, and has erected some excellent tobacco sheds for the drying and curing of the same. On March 29, 1901, he removed from Clinton to Lycoming county, and erected a magnificent residence which stands on the bank of Pine creek near the county bridge, which divides Clinton and Lycoming counties. The site is one of the finest in the country, and the house which is built of brick is thoroughly equipped with all modern improvements and luxuriously furnished. The National Bank of Jersey Shore, of which Mr. McKinney is the president, A. G. Palmer, vice president, J. G. Calvert, second vice president, and James B. Graham, cashier, was established March 12, 1902, with a capital of \$50,000.00, and is now one of the leading financial institutions of that thriving borough. The directors of the institution are as follows: J. Harris McKinney, J. G. Calvert, A. G. Palmer, G. J. Dennison, Edward Wentz, J. H. Messerley, A. T. Sheadle, A. T. Welker, M. D., W. A. Selts, James B. Graham, Robert Dunbar, and A. Underwood. The National Bank of Jersey Shore has arranged to distribute among its customers and friends a savings bank safe, which is a handsomely oxidized copper safe with combination lock, and is highly ornamental and convenient; all sizes of coin or paper money can be put into it. These banks will be loaned, free of charge, to present depositors in the savings department,



or to any person who will deposit \$1.00, credit for which will be given in a pass book, and shall not be withdrawn until the bank is returned in good order, and shall be forfeited if the bank is not returned in good order. On the first day of January and July of each year interest is credited on sums of saving deposits at the rate of two and a half cents per annum.

Mr. McKinney has been prominent in political affairs as a leader of the Republican forces of his township and county. He was elected township auditor for six terms, and in 1895 was elected associate judge of Clinton county by a good majority, securing many of the votes of the opposite party. He is an active advocate of the cause of temperance, and all questions which claim the public attention receive from him an earnest support. He is a valued and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, in which he has served as elder and steward, and in the Sabbath school connected therewith has served in the capacity of teacher.

In Watontown, Northumberland county, August 12, 1874, Mr. McKinney was united in marriage to Rebecca McKee, a native of Northumberland, and daughter of Robert and Sarah (Caldwell) McKee, who were the parents of five children. Robert McKee was a farmer in Northumberland county, and was of Scotch-Irish extraction. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McKinney, namely: Sarah McKee and Ruth Ferguson, twins, the former of whom is a graduate of the high school of Jersey Shore, taking first honors in the class of 1895, and the latter of whom died in infancy, and Hester Graham, who also graduated from the high school in Jersey Shore. The mother of these children died May 29, 1886. Mr. McKinney married, November 21, 1888, Ella Leib, of Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, daughter of George Leib, a merchant of that county. Her death occurred September 5, 1895.



## CHRISTOPHER OECHLER.

In 1854 Christopher, Henry and Catherine Oechler left their parents, their sister Henrietta and their brother Christian in Germany and emigrated to the United States, first locating in Baltimore, Maryland. Christopher, who was born September 16, 1832, settled in Jersey Shore, as did also his brother Henry, and a more extended account of the latter will be found in a sketch of John Oechler, which appears elsewhere in this work.

Christopher Oechler was a shoemaker and followed that occupation for some time, but eventually engaged in the hotel business. In 1868 he erected the Alleghany House, which he conducted successfully for the remainder of his life, and the comfortable entertainment provided for the guests of his hostelry was heartily appreciated by the traveling public. He owned in addition to the Alleghany House other valuable property, including a handsome residence on Lincoln avenue. He was twice elected to the borough council and served as a member of the school board for three terms. In politics he acted with the Democratic party. In early life he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His religious affiliations were with the Lutheran church. Christopher Oechler died August 16, 1897.

On April 29, 1862, Mr. Oechler was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Gundlach, who survives him. Mrs. Oechler was born in Germany in 1844, and three years later immigrated with her parents, Philip and Elizabeth Gundlach, who were worthy representatives of the thrifty and intelligent German farming people. They settled in Pine Creek township and subsequently acquired possession of a farm containing one hundred and ten acres. Philip Gundlach was a deacon of the German Lutheran church and was highly esteemed as an upright, conscientious

man. Four of his seven children grew to maturity, namely: Elizabeth, now Mrs. Oechler; Jacob, who is no longer living; Philip and Agnes. Mrs. Oechler has reared a family of seven children, namely: Emma E., Henrietta, Agnes H., Philip J., Henry, Barbara E., and Christopher C. Oechler. Emma E. married A. Haas and is no longer living. Agnes H. is now Mrs. George Tallman. Barbara E. is the wife of V. Mitchel. Philip J. Oechler, who is now proprietor of the Alleghany House, married Gertrude Riddle. Henry Oechler married Beulah Schusley.

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#### JOHN OECHLER.

John Oechler, a successful merchant of Jersey Shore, is a son of the late Henry and Julia (Gerlach) Oechler, of this township. His parents were of German birth and his father was a son of Christopher Oechler, who reared a family of five children, three of whom, Christopher, Henry and Catherine, came to the United States in 1854. The others, Henrietta and Christian, are still living in Germany. Henry Oechler, who married prior to leaving the fatherland, located first in Baltimore, Maryland, but subsequently settled in Jersey Shore, where he established himself in mercantile business. Although encountering reverses during the earlier portion of his business life, his sterling ability enabled him to speedily recover from his losses, and he ultimately succeeded far beyond his expectations. In Masonry he had advanced to the commandery. Henry and Julia Oechler were the parents of three children, namely: Carrie and Mary, who are no longer living; and John, the subject of this sketch. Henry Oechler died at the age of sixty-nine years, in 1896, and his wife, who survived him, died in 1904, aged seventy-one years. They were members of the Lutheran church.

John Oechler was born in Jersey Shore, September 17, 1860. He was educated in the public schools. From his youth he has been identified with the business established by his father, to which he succeeded after the elder Oechler's death, and he displays in a marked degree the many commendable characteristics of his predecessor. He closed out his general store in 1903, took down the old building and in 1905 erected a large three-story brick block, with a frontage of seventy feet, sixty-five feet in depth. The first floor contains two store rooms and an office, and the second and third floors are fitted up for dwellings, with all the modern improvements. He has a residence and another building on the same square, which is occupied by himself and the express company as an office, and owns another lot fronting on Broad street; also large coal docks in the third ward, on the New York Central Railroad. He does a large retail coal business. Both as a business man and a citizen he is deservedly popular, and his future prosperity as a merchant is assured. Mr. Oechler is far advanced in Masonry. He was made a Mason in La Belle Vallee Lodge No. 232, F. and A. M., Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1888; of Chapter No. 222, June 13, 1899; Baldwin Commandery No. 22, October 16, 1900; and Irem Temple Shrine at Williamsport, September 25, 1901. He is a Democrat in politics and attends the Presbyterian church.

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#### SAMUEL EDWARD DECKER.

Were it not for the steady influx of German immigrants the county of Lycoming would in all probability be lacking in many of the qualities which have helped it to its present prosperity. Among these thrifty Germans was Alexander Decker, who came from Germany in 1834 to see what the new world had in store for him. He settled in Mosquito

Valley, Armstrong township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and decided upon following farming as an occupation, having acquired a knowledge of this in his mother country. He had married in Europe Elizabeth Herman, and came to America with his wife and infant son, Henry.

Henry Decker, son of Alexander and Elizabeth (Herman) Decker, was born in Wittenberg, Germany, April 11, 1833, and died September 6, 1901. He received a good education in the common schools, and being industrious and thrifty like his father he very soon made a success of whatever he undertook. He also became a farmer, and a successful one, but was not content with following that occupation. He turned his attention to building, and some of the handsomest buildings in Lycoming county have been erected by him. Mr. Decker was always alive to the interests of the community at large, and served for a long time as a school director; he was also supervisor and assessor in Clinton township. Politically he affiliated with the Democratic party. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and took an active interest in church affairs. He married Mary Herr, and they were blessed with twelve children: Henry, Alexander, Rosanna, Catharine, William, George, Mary, John, Frank, Samuel Edward, Albert and Isaac. Mrs. Decker died July 1, 1902.

Samuel Edward Decker, seventh son and tenth child of Henry and Mary (Herr) Decker, was born December 21, 1873, in Clinton township, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the common schools, and his natural aptitude and attention to the tasks set him made his school record a credit to his teachers as well as himself. After leaving school he assisted his father on the home farm, and as he was exceedingly fond of all outdoor life he determined to follow the occupation of farming. He established himself independently, and his farm was soon noted for the excellence of its products. Mr. Decker is progressive in his ideas and

is always ready to adopt any invention or method which will tend to improve his crops. In connection with his farm he has established a dairy, and the "White Deer Dairy," of which he is the proprietor, is famous in all the vicinity for the fine quality of its butter, cheese and cream. Mr. Decker's farm is very extensive and is situated in Clinton township, Pennsylvania. Mr. Decker is a man of enterprise and ever ready to lend his assistance to further any project for the welfare of the town in which he lives. He has been active in public affairs, having served as school director in Clinton township. He is a Democrat and is wide-awake to the interests of that party. He is a member of the Lutheran church in Brady township, and a regular attendant there. He is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and also of the National Protective Association.

Mr. Decker married, October 13, 1897, Miss Clara E. Reeser, daughter of Peter F. and Mary L. Reeser. Peter F. Reeser was a farmer and a prominent man in the town in which he lived. He served as school director in Brady township for twenty years. During the progress of the Civil war he enlisted and was in active service as a member of the Fifth Pennsylvania Cavalry from 1863 until 1865. Mrs. Decker was educated in the public schools and upon leaving them she completed her education in the Lycoming County Normal School. She then taught in the public schools for ten years. Mr. and Mrs. Decker have three children: (1) Miriam L., born near Montgomery, May 25, 1899; (2) Wilbur A., born near Montgomery, August 13, 1901; (3) and Helen M., born near Montgomery, January 29, 1904.

## GIDEON THOMAS.

After a long and successful career as an agriculturist, Gideon Thomas is now passing his declining years in Jersey Shore, free from the cares of active life. He is of English ancestry. His paternal grandmother, who was left a widow with five sons, namely: George, Jesse, Samuel, William and John, emigrated with her children from England to the United States, settling in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Shortly after her arrival she married a Mr. Murphy, by whom she had other children. The children of her first union located in various parts of Pennsylvania, and her son, George Thomas, became a successful Methodist preacher.

John Thomas, father of Gideon Thomas, upon his arrival in Philadelphia, began work as a whitesmith, and he subsequently removed to Lycoming county, where he added blacksmithing to his calling. He eventually engaged in the general iron-working business, in connection with which he conducted a foundry, and was prominently identified with the iron-working industry of this locality in its early days. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and widely known as an earnest religious exhorter. His wife, who was before marriage Mary Murphy, became the mother of fifteen children, nine of whom grew to maturity, namely: Betsey, Margaret, Ellen, Jane, Martha, George, John, Charles and Gideon.

Gideon Thomas was born in Mifflin township, Lycoming county, August 3, 1818. His boyhood and youth were spent in attending school. In early manhood he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and he finally purchased a farm of two hundred acres, which he carried on with profitable results for the remainder of his active career.



In 1898 Mr. Thomas relinquished his activities and removed to Jersey Shore, where he is now spending his time in rest and recreation. Formerly he was quite active in local public affairs, having served with marked ability in some of the important township offices. He is among the oldest living Methodist church members in this locality, having for many years been a class leader, and he has always taken an active part in the religious work of the community.

Mr. Thomas has been twice married. On October 17, 1841, he married for his first wife Miss Mary Ramsey, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (English) Ramsey. The Ramseys were among the early pioneers in Lycoming county, having settled here at an early period when its aboriginal inhabitants, the Indians, were their nearest neighbors. Sarah English, maternal grandmother of Mrs. Thomas, was a daughter of John English, who served seven years in the revolutionary war and was a commissioned officer in the continental army. Thomas and Sarah (English) Ramsey were the parents of twelve children, and those who are now living are Thomas, James, Sarah J., Elizabeth and Ellen B. The others were Mary, John, William, Fanny, Margaret, Allen and another child who died in infancy. Mary, who became the first wife of Gideon Thomas, died in 1898, aged eighty-one years. She was the mother of six children, namely: Sarah J., born March 9, 1843; Anna E., born March 6, 1844; Mary E., born August 16, 1846; William M., born October 15, 1848; Sarah Jane (2d), born December 13, 1851; and Martha A., born May 1, 1855. Of these the only survivors are William and Martha A., who married for her first husband John Douglass, by whom she had four children, and for her second husband she married a Mr. Wixon. On October 8, 1901, Mr. Thomas married for his second wife Mrs. Ellen B. Martin, nee Ramsey, a sister of his first wife.

## JAMES ROBINSON, SR.

No man is better known or more highly respected in Woodward township than James Robinson, Sr. On the paternal side Mr. Robinson is descended from a sturdy and honorable line of Scotch-Irish who came to this country during the colonial period and finally found their way to Pennsylvania.

John Robinson was born about 1781, in Sunbury, Northumberland county, and about 1800 came to Lycoming county, where he became extensively engaged in the lumber business as well as in agricultural pursuits, owning at one time nearly one thousand acres of land, of which he cleared one hundred and twenty-five acres, being a practical farmer. The house stood on the line of Lycoming and Anthony townships. He took a deep interest in the cause of education, served as school director, and allowed the first school ever organized in the township to be held at his house. He took an active part in public affairs and in politics was always a Democrat. He was a zealous member of the old Lycoming Presbyterian church at Newberry.

Mr. Robinson married Mary, daughter of John Baker, of Berkshire, England, who came to this country when she was sixteen years of age, and settled in Piatt township, and their family consisted of the following children: Eleanor, deceased, as are her three sisters, Polly S., Margaret D., and Martha Jane; John D.; Isaac, deceased; and James, mentioned at length hereinafter. The death of Mrs. Robinson occurred September 5, 1855, and the father of the family passed away April 19, 1868, being then about eighty-seven years of age. He was a man of keen foresight and strict integrity.

James Robinson, son of John and Mary (Baker) Robinson, was born September 20, 1821, in Lycoming county, where he was educated in the common schools. After he ceased to be a pupil he served for four

terms as a schoolmaster and then engaged, as his father had in early life, in the lumber business and in farming. For some years, in connection with his two brothers, he successfully operated a saw-mill which had been built by their father in Anthony township. He afterward erected a saw mill on Larry's creek, and this he operated for eighteen years with gratifying results. About the same time he purchased a farm of one hundred and seven acres, situated in Anthony township, and later bought a farm on the State Road, consisting of one hundred acres, which he owned and cultivated for twenty years. In 1870 he purchased his present farm of one hundred and four acres, on the bank of the West Branch, where he now spends the evening of his days in serenity and comfort. In addition to these farms he purchased in 1896 fifty acres in Mud Run.

During Mr. Robinson's residence on State Road he held for nine years the appointment of postmaster, his administration of the duties of the office affording much satisfaction to all concerned. In Anthony township he served one term as justice of the peace. The offices which he has held in Woodward township include those of tax collector, auditor and overseer of the poor. He has also been a member of the school board and at different times has served as president and secretary, making in all a period of sixteen years. His politics are Democratic and he is a member of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Robinson married, July 15, 1855, Martha, daughter of Aaron Missimer, of Nippenose township, and the following children have been born to them: 1. Annie, who is the wife of A. J. Gamble, and the mother of five children: Mary, Robinson, Martha, Anson and Shem. 2. James B., who married Matilda Stewart, now deceased, who was the mother of five children, three of whom are living: James R., Ollie K. and Willard. 3. Adella, who is married to J. C. Littlely, and has

had two children, one of whom, J. Clement, is living. 4. Letitia. 5. Geneva E., who married E. J. Hughes, and has four children: Martha, Gladys, Dwight M. and Rowland. 6. J. Ranson, who is a physician, married Sarah Campbell, and has had four children, two of whom are living: Mary and an infant. Dr. Robinson is a graduate of Baltimore Medical College and is a resident of Cammal, Pennsylvania. Dr. Robinson's residence was destroyed by fire in the summer of 1905.

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D. C. SMITHGALL.

D. C. Smithgall, proprietor of the River Side Hotel, located in the little town of Linden, one of the best conducted hotels on either side of the river between Jersey Shore and Williamsport, is no novice at this business, as he has been successfully conducting the same for the past thirteen years, eleven of which were as proprietor and owner of the Loyalsock Hotel, and since April, 1905, at his present location. He was born in Upper Fairfield township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, October 29, 1842, son of Jacob and Dorothy (Streiley) Smithgall, and grandson of Jacob and Elizabeth Smithgall.

Jacob Smithgall (grandfather) was a native of Germany, from whence he emigrated to this country in 1812, accompanied by his family, which consisted of his wife, Elizabeth, and children: Margaret, Ellen, John, Jacob and David. He located in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, but in 1815 removed to Eldred township, Lycoming county, where he purchased a tract of land. The sons became active and loyal citizens of their adopted country, and faithfully performed their share in the development and prosperity of the communities in which they resided.

Jacob Smithgall (father) was born in Germany, and was five years of age when his parents migrated to the United States. He followed

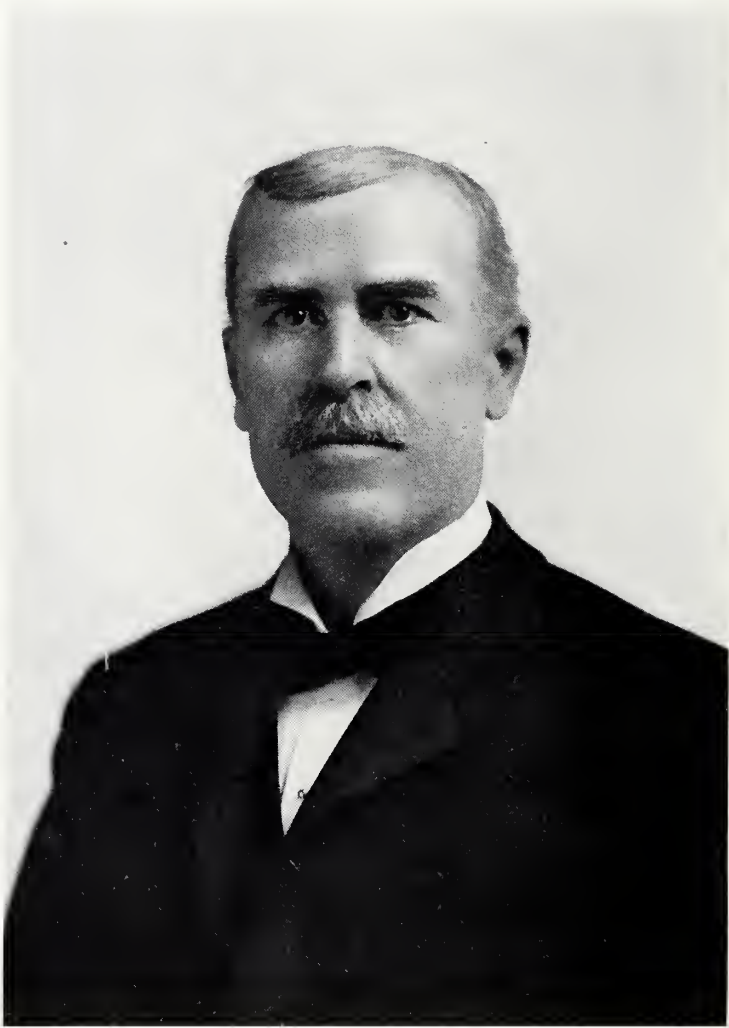
farming and lumbering as a means of livelihood, and being a man of sterling qualities was honored by election to several township offices, including those of supervisor, overseer of the poor and school director. His wife, whose maiden name was Dorothea Streiley, and who was a native of Lycoming county, bore him seven children, five of whom are living at the present time (1905): Jacob, William, Mary, Julia, and D. C. Smithgall, and Sophia, deceased.

The common schools of Lycoming county afforded D. C. Smithgall the opportunity of obtaining a good English education. For the first twenty-eight years of his active career he was a successful farmer, thus following in the footsteps of his forefathers. In 1893 he abandoned this pursuit in order to devote his attention to the hotel business, which he has followed ever since, and in which he has achieved a large degree of financial success. The River Side Hotel is large and roomy, is cheerful and homelike in appearance, and everything that will contribute to the comfort of the weary traveler is looked after most carefully by both the host and hostess, under whose efficient management the house has gained an enviable reputation. The dining room is supplied with all the delicacies of the season, and the bar is stocked with the best brands of liquors and cigars.

In 1862 Mr. Smithgall was united in marriage to Sarah C. Myers, a native of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. Seven children were the issue of this union, five of whom are living, namely: Lizzie, wife of F. L. Goldy; Alice, wife of William Allen; Margaret, wife of H. Thomas; William, and Thomas Smithgall.







Joseph, G. Long.

## JOSEPH T. LONG.

Joseph Titus Long, one of the representative business men of Lycoming county, and who is actively identified with all that concerns the best interests of the community, comes of an honored Revolutionary ancestry. His paternal great-grandfather, George Long, was an emigrant from Germany who settled in New Jersey, enlisted from there for service during the war for independence, and after peace was restored settled on a farm in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, where he died.

Nicholas Long, son of George Long, married Ruth Bishop. They resided at Muncy, Pennsylvania, and among their children was Francis F. Long, who married Sarah Jane Quay. Of the last named marriage were born three children: 1. Joseph Titus, further mentioned hereinafter; 2. Sarah Titus, who married Albert Pennell, and to them was born a daughter, Gertrude; after the death of her husband, Mrs. Pennell became the wife of Hon. Willard B. Wells, of Ionia, Michigan; 3. Oscar R. Long, who married Annie Freeman, of Detroit, Michigan, by whom he had a daughter, Grace.

Joseph Titus, eldest child of Francis F. and Sarah Jane (Quay) Long, was born in Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1845; he was educated in the public schools. In August, 1862, when under seventeen years of age, he enlisted in Company G (Captain C. B. Davis), One Hundred and Thirty-first Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and joined the Army of the Potomac in Virginia, after the second battle of Bull Run. After his regiment was mustered out at Harrisburg, he returned to Williamsport and entered the employ of his father, who was engaged in a planing mill and lumber business. This Mr. Long continued to follow until 1894, when he retired from

that business altogether, and in 1895, in company with F. B. Thrall and Daniel Kavanaugh, founded the wholesale grocery firm of F. B. Thrall & Company. This continued until the following year, when Mr. Long and Mr. Thrall purchased the interest of Mr. Kavanaugh and formed a new partnership, retaining the original name. The firm is one of the largest wholesale houses in the county, and occupies a finely equipped modern store which they erected in 1899.

Mr. Long has attained high rank in the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with all the bodies of the order. He is also a member of Williamsport Lodge, No. 112, I. O. O. F. He is a member of the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal church, and is a director in the Young Men's Christian Association. In politics he is a Democrat. He is held in high esteem in both business and social circles, and his name is a synonym for integrity and public spirit.

Mr. Long married, in 1868, Miss Catherine Hall, daughter of Thomas and Catherine M. Hall. The father was of English descent, and his ancestors came to Williamsport with the early settlers. He was born in Lycoming county, and was a farmer by occupation, living near Williamsport, where his children were born. His wife was born in Wurtemberg, Germany. Mr. Hall died at the age of fifty-six years, and was long survived by his widow, who died at the age of eighty-five years. To Mr. and Mrs. Long was born a son, Harry Oscar, who married Miss Alta Coup. After the death of his wife, Mr. Long married her sister, Emma Hall, in 1872.

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GEORGE A. BROWN.

Woodward township counts among her progressive and prosperous citizens George A. Brown. Mr. Brown is a son of William and Nancy (Wilson) Brown, of county Tyrone, Ireland. In 1848 they emigrated

to the United States, whither three of their children had preceded them. They were accompanied by their daughter Sarah and their sons, William and James R. The latter served the entire four years of the Civil war. During his first enlistment he was severely wounded at the second battle of Bull Run, and while serving his second term lost an arm at the battle of South Side Railroad. After coming to this country Mr. and Mrs. Brown resided at Jersey Shore, where they both died within a few years.

George A. Brown, son of William and Nancy (Wilson) Brown, was born March 10, 1832, in county Tyrone, Ireland, where he was reared and educated. In 1847 he came to the United States, accompanied by his brother Alexander and his sister Fannie. They settled at Jersey Shore, where George followed various pursuits until 1854, when he was employed as a miller by E. B. Campbell, of Phelps. In 1865 Mr. Campbell took him into partnership and they operated two mills, the second mill being at Safe Harbor. In 1868 Mr. Brown sold out his interest and purchased a farm at Level Comus, consisting of one hundred and forty acres, for which he paid eighteen thousand dollars. This farm he still owns. In 1886 he bought the farm upon which he now lives and which consists of sixty acres. For this farm he paid nine thousand dollars. Both these estates are in a high state of cultivation and are models of agricultural enterprise and taste. In politics he is a Republican and is strongly attached to the principles of the organization. He was bred a Presbyterian, but now belongs to the Lutheran church, of which his wife is a member.

Mr. Brown married, February 7, 1861, Elizabeth Myers, and the following children were born to them: 1. Elmer E., who married Fannie Moore and has one son. 2. Annie, who is the wife of August Larrison. 3. Anson, who married Susie Clark and is the father of four

children. 4. Norman M., who married Minnie Harmon, by whom he has two children. 5. Mattie, who is the wife of P. M. Fesler. 6. William, who married Gertrude Barto and is the father of two children. The mother of this family died February 14, 1879, and in November, 1894, Mr. Brown married Emma Smith, a daughter of John H. and Lavina (Cungrich) Smith.

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#### DAVID DIVINEY MICK.

David Diviney Mick, the enterprising tobacconist and cigar manufacturer of Jersey Shore, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1856. His father, Samuel Mick, was born in New Jersey, and his mother, Elizabeth (Sloat) Mick, was born in York county, Pennsylvania. His grandfather, also named Samuel Mick, was a native of New Jersey, and the maiden name of his wife was Dorothy Diviney. David Diviney Mick's maternal grandparents were Henry and Eliza (Zeigler) Sloat, both of whom were natives of York county, this state. David Diviney Mick's father was a moulder by trade, but later in life turned his attention to milling and also to agriculture. He was the father of eleven children, eight of whom are now living, namely: Susan, Michael, Eliza, Anna, Ellen, Amanda, David Diviney, and Delilah.

David Diviney Mick acquired his education in York county, where he later learned the trade of cigar-maker. He followed his trade as a journeyman until 1886, when he established himself in business in Jersey Shore, and his progressive tendencies, together with a natural aptitude for mercantile pursuits, have enabled him to build up an extensive trade. Some time since he purchased the old Jersey Shore Seminary and church edifice, formerly owned by the Presbyterian denomination, which were erected at a time when buildings were constructed

to last, and being in a good state of preservation the property is still valuable. In politics Mr. Mick is a Republican, and has served as school director. His fraternity affiliations are with the Royal Arcanum.

In 1877 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary L. Koons, who was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1858, daughter of Joseph and Agnes Koons. Her father was a native of Center county, Pennsylvania, and his wife, who was before marriage Agnes Riely, was born in Leghton, Carbon county, this state. Her grandparents were Daniel and Mary (Bechtal) Koons, and her great-grandfather was Daniel Koons, a revolutionary soldier. Mr. and Mrs. Mick have had six children, namely: Donald V., deceased; Ida M., also deceased; Joseph C.; Zilla A.; Agnes F., and Anna K. Mick. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church.

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#### GEORGE GILMORE.

One of the well-known and respected citizens of Linden is George Gilmore. Mr. Gilmore is the son of Joseph Gilmore, who was born in 1805, in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, and in his youth moved to Williamsport, Lycoming county. The place was then only a village, but with prospects of growth not far distant. Mr. Gilmore was one of the old stage-drivers whose services in the days before the country became a network of railroads were indispensable. On one of his trips north he was followed for hours by a panther, which made several attempts on his person and also on his horses. On his arrival at the first clearing he reported his adventure to the settlers, who turned out, pursued and finally shot the beast.

Later in life Mr. Gilmore purchased a farm in what is now Williamsport, but was then far out in the country. It consisted of eighty-



one acres and was ultimately laid out in lots and sold to private individuals. Mr. Gilmore was a man of progressive ideas and superior business abilities which commanded the respect and admiration of all who knew him. He lived to see Williamsport increase from a village to a thriving and prosperous city.

Mr. Gilmore married Frances, daughter of Samuel Keyport, a native of Switzerland, who came with his family to seek his fortune in the New World. He settled in Williamsport, which then became his permanent residence. He was a carpenter by trade and a first-class mechanic. He was a prominent member and an active worker in the Lutheran church. His family consisted of one son and five daughters, one of whom was Frances, who became the wife of Joseph Gilmore, as mentioned above. Samuel, the only son, moved to Chicago when that western metropolis was but a stopping-place for western immigrants. There he purchased property, but poor health caused him to sell just as the town was growing into a city.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore were the parents of nine children, seven of whom grew to maturity and six of whom are now living: George, mentioned at length hereinafter; Henry; and four daughters. Mrs. Gilmore, the mother of the family, died in 1875, and her husband passed away in 1883.

George Gilmore, son of Joseph and Frances (Keyport) Gilmore, was born November 13, 1842, at Williamsport, and was educated in the schools of his native town. As a boy he often hunted in the woods where now stands the Park Hotel. For twenty-one years he was in business as a butcher, and during that period dealt extensively in cattle. He next turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and was the owner of two fine farms, one of which is still in his possession. It consists of one hundred and eighty acres, is situated in Nippenose township, and

is considered the best farm in that valley. He has been a resident of Linden for twenty-five years. Politically he is a Republican. In matters of religion he adheres to the Presbyterian creed and is one of the trustees of the church to which he belongs.

Mr. Gilmore married, in 1871, Caroline Appleman, of Montour county, Pennsylvania, and they have two sons: Archie R. and Oliver W., the former one of the leading general merchants of Linden, also dealing in farming implements, coal and fertilizers. He has been in this business since 1899 and has proved his qualifications by his well-merited success. The latter is a telegraph operator in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, stationed at Renovo, Pennsylvania.

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#### THE OPP FAMILY.

The Opp family, many representatives of which reside in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and are among its honored and esteemed citizens, was founded in this country by Philip Opp, who was one of the pioneers of the West Branch Valley, a son of John Opp.

John Philip Opp, a native of Germany, left the land of his birth, accompanied by his wife and five children, and after a long and tedious voyage arrived at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1768, in the ship "Betsey," Captain Samuel Houch, from Amsterdam. The names of the children were as follows: Catherine Gowe, born 1754; John, born 1755, died at Danville, Pennsylvania, when a young man; Philip, born 1759; Eve, born 1760; and Mary Bogart, born 1764. Until the close of the Indian war Mr. Opp conducted a grist mill in Lynn township, Northampton county, Pennsylvania, paying at that time a tax of one shilling and six pence. He removed then to Augusta township (Sunbury), Northumberland county, was the owner of a cow and horse,

and was taxed one pound, fourteen shillings and eleven pence. In 1781 he removed to Mahoning township, now Montour county (near Danville), and the following year became the owner of two hundred acres of land and of two horses and three cows, valued at three hundred and eight pounds, fifteen shillings. In 1787 his son Philip was still single and paid a tax of four shillings. In 1785 Philip Opp, Jr., took out warrants for land, presumably in Moreland township; Philip Opp, Jr., one hundred acres; Mary, four hundred acres; Philip, Sr., three hundred acres; and Eve, four hundred acres, twelve hundred acres in all, all dated September 29, 1785.

Philip Opp, Jr., born 1759, married Hannah Wilson, born 1762, and shortly after their marriage they came to Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, settled in the woods and cleared up a farm in what is now Moreland township, but were forced by the Indians to return to Danville, from whence they came. Subsequently they returned to their farm, bringing with them a cow, which the wife and son John, one year old, rode on across the streams and part of the way. Philip Opp, Jr., died in 1837, and his widow died in 1850. Their children were as follows: John, Philip, Jacob, Mary, who married Christopher Derr, and Thomas.

John Opp, eldest son of Philip and Hannah (Wilson) Opp, was a farmer and a woolen manufacturer. He was appointed captain of the militia by the governor of Pennsylvania. He married Sarah M. Fiester, by whom he had the following children: Hannah Shoemaker, deceased; Mary Eldred, deceased; Sarah Stadone, deceased; Thomas J., deceased; Phebe Tallman, deceased; John Philip, mentioned hereinafter; Susan Stoller, deceased; Simon, deceased; Priscilla, Hamilton, deceased; Benjamin F., deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; and Charlotte Brownell. The mother of these children died in 1856, and the father in 1864.

John Philip Opp, second son of John and Sarah M. (Fiester) Opp,

was born in Muncy Creek township, June 11, 1822. He received a common school education, and followed farming and lumbering. He was married in 1846 to Abigail Andrews, and to them have been born eight children, as follows: J. Reed, born 1848, mentioned hereinafter; Coleman O., born 1850, mentioned hereinafter; Charles W., born 1852, mentioned hereinafter; Oakley, born 1857, died 1872; John P., born 1859, mentioned hereinafter; and three who died in infancy. The mother of these children died in 1901, aged eighty-three years, eight months and five days. Mr. Opp is one of the incorporators of the Citizens' National Bank, and has been a director since its organization. He is one of the well known citizens of Muncy Valley, and recognized as a substantial business man. He is a Republican, and has filled several of the local offices in his township.

J. Reed Opp, eldest son of John Philip and Abigail (Andrews) Opp, was born in September, 1848. He received a common school education, and farmed and lumbered for his father for many years. In 1882 he married Martha Jane Schoch, who bore him the following children: Charles B., born 1883; David S., born 1888; Harry E., born 1889; and Howard C., born 1894. After his marriage Mr. Opp moved to Montour county, where he farmed four years, and at the expiration of this period of time he returned to Muncy Creek township, where he has since been farming and lumbering on a small scale. He is one of the incorporators of the Muncy Banking Company.

Coleman O. Opp, second son of John Philip and Abigail (Andrews) Opp, was born in Muncy Creek township, May 15, 1850. He received a common school education, and farmed and lumbered for his father until 1882, when he engaged in farming on his own account. July 26, 1883, he married Clara Lichard, who died April 5, 1895. Since then Mr. Opp has carried on farming with hired help. His farm is one of the most

thoroughly cultivated and highly productive in that section of the county, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the entire property evidences the supervision of an industrious and entirely practical man. He has resided in the same house since 1884, a period of nearly a quarter of a century. He gives his support to the candidates of the Republican party, believing that the principles advanced by that organization are for the best interests of the community and nation. He is an honored member of the Grange.

Charles W. Opp, third son of John Philip and Abigail (Andrews) Opp, was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in 1852. He received a common school education, and worked on his father's farm until 1876. He then went west, locating in Iowa, where he worked on a farm for a year, after which he concluded to go north and, driving three hundred miles, located in Ottertail county, Minnesota, taking up government land on the bank of Ottertail Lake, where he farmed and lumbered for five years. In 1882, at the expiration of this period of time, he sold his land and went to the Pacific coast in order to view the beauties of his native country, the trip being thoroughly enjoyed by him. In 1884 he returned to Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and in 1886 he was united in marriage to Mary C. Bartlow, and their children are as follows: Harvey O., born 1887; Walter M., born 1890, deceased; Abigail J., born 1891; Effie M., born 1893; Bruce A., born 1897; Wilber R., born 1899. After his marriage Mr. Opp moved on a farm in Anthony township, Montour county, Pennsylvania, where he still resides. He is a member of the Grange and a Republican in politics.

John P. Opp, youngest son of John Philip and Abigail (Andrews) Opp, was born November 27, 1859. He received a common school education in Muncy Creek township, this being the place of his birth, and the place of his residence up to 1890, when he married Barbara Lockard



and moved to Moreland township, where he is engaged in farming. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Grange. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Opp, as follows: William G.; Philip M., born October 12, 1891; Elmer R., born August 4, 1893; Milton, born September 6, 1895; Amanda, born May 5, 1898; Martha, born July 1, 1900; Susan E., born May 28, 1902; and Grace, born in February, 1905.

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PROFESSOR HENRY E. YORKS.

Professor Henry E. Yorks, a representative of one of the pioneer families of Pennsylvania, most of whom settled in Columbia county, was there born, in Jackson township, February 14, 1864, a son of Joseph and Hannah (Parker) Yorks. Joseph Yorks was a lumberman and farmer, and followed these pursuits with excellent success all his active working life. The children born to him and his wife were: William L., a farmer and justice of the peace in Columbia county, who was formerly a school teacher for fifteen years; John L., a farmer in Columbia county; Florence, the wife of William Shultz; J. P., a transfer clerk in the post-office at Wilkes-Barre, who formerly taught school for eleven years; Henry E., mentioned further hereinafter. Joseph Yorks died April 9, 1896, and his wife died September 19, 1898.

Henry E. Yorks, next to youngest child of Joseph and Hannah (Parker) Yorks, was reared in Columbia county and there received a common school education. He later attended Orangeville Academy, from which he was graduated in 1883 and received the degree of M. E. in the Muncy Normal School. He also received a permanent teacher's certificate from the same institution. He taught one term in Columbia county, and then removed to Lycoming county, where he was engaged for fourteen years in teaching in the public and private schools, and in



this occupation achieved the most gratifying success. He was principal of the Oval schools, and was for two years engaged in teaching select schools in Oval. He also taught for one term in Clinton county.

In 1899 Professor Yorks relinquished the occupation of teacher, and removed to Oriole, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the general mercantile business, furnishing a store on an extensive plan, and in 1905 purchased the store property. In addition to his general line of goods he carries a full stock of the best agricultural implements. From the very outset his business life has been highly successful. In political relations Mr. Yorks is a Democrat, and actively interested in all community affairs. In 1899 he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, in the duties of which position he is now engaged. In 1900 he was appointed postmaster of Oriole, known as the Oriole postoffice. He is an enterprising, progressive citizen, and one of the most popular men in the community. Fraternally he is a charter member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America at Oriole. In religious faith he is an attendant of the Methodist church.

August 21, 1890, Professor Yorks was united in marriage to Miss Ella M. Grier, the youngest daughter of A. C. Grier, of Limestone township. Three children were born to them, two of whom survive: Hayes Grier, and Joseph.

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#### HINKLEMAN FAMILY.

The original home of the family represented by Harry Luther Hinkleman, of Newberry, and Peter M. Hinkleman, of Lewis township, was Bavaria, Germany, where Adam Hinkleman was born, and whence he emigrated about 1855 to the United States. He settled in Lycoming township, near Quiggleville, the surrounding country being then

forest land. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife, Julia Ann, were faithful members of the Lutheran church. Their children were: Jacob, who when last heard of was living in France; Peter, mentioned at length hereinafter; Adam, who lives near Cogan Station; Margaret, widow of Peter Eddinger, of Williamsport; Louisa, deceased, wife of John Knorr, of Elmira, New York; and four others who probably died young.

Peter Hinkleman, son of Adam and Julia Ann Hinkleman, was born March 14, 1831, in Bavaria, Germany, and learned the carpenter's trade in his native country. He was the first of the family to emigrate to the United States, coming hither in 1853 and settling in Lycoming township, near Quiggleville, where he purchased forty-two acres, cleared the land, and prepared a home for his parents, who came two years later with four of their children. Peter Hinkleman subsequently bought at two different times sixty-four acres, making in all one hundred and six. On this land he made many improvements, becoming one of the most successful farmers in the township. He followed the carpenter's trade for many years, building a large number of houses and barns at Trout Run, Crescent and Blooming Grove, but from 1879 to the end of his life devoted all his attention to farming. His later years were spent in Lewis township. He was a Democrat in politics, and for many years served as supervisor and school director. He held the offices of elder and deacon in the Lutheran church.

Mr. Hinkleman married Phoebe, born December 20, 1837, in Germany, daughter of Jacob and Julia (May) Ludwig, the former, who was a native of Germany, born in 1801, and the latter in 1800. Their children were: Julia A., deceased; Ellsworth, also deceased; Louis, living at Kretz, Germany; Katharine, living in Paris, France; Charles, resident of Blooming Grove; Jacob, deceased; Phoebe, wife of Peter

Hinkleman; George, residing in Germany; and one who died in infancy. Mrs. Ludwig died in 1856, and for eight years prior to her death was afflicted with blindness. The death of Mr. Ludwig occurred in 1874.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinkleman were the parents of the following children: 1. Jacob, mentioned at length hereinafter. 2. Adam, born May 21, 1861, married Anna Sanders and had seven children: Sophia, died at the age of four years; Michael, Paul, Howard, Bertha, John, and Merea. 3. John, born December 12, 1863, married Carrie Myers, and had seven children: Ralph; Carl, deceased; Ward; Perry; Chester, deceased; Luther, and Gertrude. 4. Charles, born May 17, 1866, married Margaret E. Stiber, and had five children: Bessie, Otto, Lottie, Owen, and a daughter who died in infancy. 5. Peter M., mentioned at length hereinafter. 6. Elizabeth, born May 10, 1871, at home. 7. George W., born October 17, 1873, died at the age of nineteen, of heart disease, being taken ill while working in the cornfield. 8. Ida L., born June 6, 1876, wife of Dr. Joseph Elmer Schefer, of Quiggleville. 9. Harry Luther, mentioned at length hereinafter. 10. Margaret, born May 15, 1882, at home. Mr. Hinkleman, the father, died April 16, 1902.

Harry Luther Hinkleman, son of Peter and Phoebe (Ludwig) Hinkleman, was born January 2, 1879, in Lewis township, where he attended the common schools, from which he passed to the Williamsport Commercial College, graduating therefrom January 17, 1899. For one year he was traveling salesman for Charles Yetter, head of a wholesale grocery house of Williamsport, and then accepted a position as foreman in Culler's furniture factory, resigning at the end of six months in order to become clerk for W. W. Thomas, with whom he remained four years. September 1, 1903, he succeeded Mr. Thomas in the business, and has enlarged the store space and increased the stock, having one of the best equipped establishments in the city. The firm is Quiggle & Hinkleman.

He belongs to Lodge No. 729, I. O. O. F., and the order of the Golden Eagles, both of Newberry, and gives to the Democratic party the support of his vote and influence. He is a deacon in St. Matthew's Lutheran church of Newberry. Mr. Hinkleman married Abbie, daughter of Jacob and Mary Quiggle. The former, who was a farmer, died January 19, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Hinkleman have been the parents of four children: Helen Mary, born January 17, 1900; Harold Ludwig, born December 26, 1901, deceased; Herman Quiggle, born January 8, 1903, died February 27, 1903; and Harry Foster, born July 7, 1905.

Peter M. Hinkleman, son of Peter and Phoebe (Ludwig) Hinkleman, was born November 20, 1868, and has always lived on the homestead, devoting himself with ability and success to the cultivation of his paternal acres. He married Mae Weaver, and they have been the parents of five children: Phoebe, Elsie, Mabel, Grace and Mark.

Jacob Hinkleman, eldest child of Peter and Phoebe (Ludwig) Hinkleman, was born May 19, 1859, and lives on the homestead, tilling the land in partnership with his brother, Peter M. The two brothers are known as energetic and prosperous farmers, thoroughly enlightened and truly progressive in all their ideas and methods.

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#### H. J. MOORE.

H. J. Moore, general merchant, of Oval, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and editor of the "Oval Ledger," was born at Oval, July 15, 1864, the son of William R. and Helena (Aldenderfer) Moore, both natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania.

The maternal grandparents of Mr. Moore were Daniel and Maria (Brown) Aldenderfer, who were the parents of children as follows:

Rachel, deceased; Helena (Mrs. Moore); Isaac, deceased; Caroline, deceased; John, deceased; Lucy, Angeline, Lydia, Mary, all living.

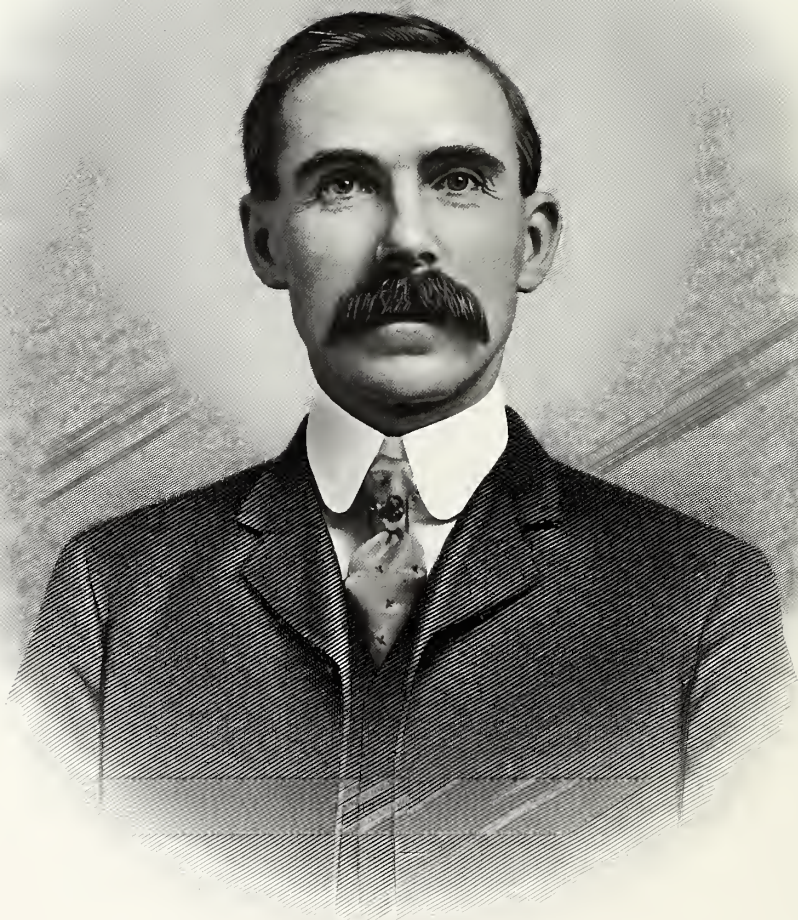
William R. Moore (father), who was born in 1820, died July 3, 1896. He removed to Nippenose Valley and learned and followed the trade of blacksmith at Oval. He was a worthy, industrious man, and was held in high respect in the community. He served his township as tax collector for three years and as school director for sixteen years. He married Miss Helena Aldenderfer, who was born in 1823 and is still living, hale and hearty, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. William Moore were the parents of two children, Mrs. G. F. Reed and H. J. Moore.

H. J. Moore was reared in his native township, and was there educated in the district schools. In 1883 he engaged in the drug business, opening a store on a small scale. In two years his business had increased to such an extent as to compel him to enlarge his store house. This being done he added to his drug business a full line of general merchandise, and he is still engaged in the conduct of this and his drug business. In 1889 he opened a job printing office, out of which evolved the full-fledged "Oval Ledger" of to-day. On August 8 of 1890 was issued the first copy of "The Ledger" as a weekly. The following year ground was broken for a new printing office, the same year Mr. Moore purchased a large press, and on June 12 a six-column folio was printed and issued. Six weeks later a steam engine was set up, and a year later the printing office was enlarged and a newspaper folder added to the rapidly growing enterprise. In 1901 a new gasoline engine was purchased and installed, which, with other additions, such as type, etc., makes the plant a complete and highly successful enterprise.

In May, 1903, Mr. Moore added to his business a chop mill, where on certain days in the week farmers can get their grain ground into feed.







*Engr. by E. G. Williams, New York*

*J. C. Kenck*

From two hundred subscribers in 1891 the circulation of "The Ledger" has increased to thirteen hundred in 1905. In addition, Mr. Moore conducts a large business in job work. Mr. Moore is a thoroughly capable, intelligent business man, and his publication is the result of genius and intellect combined.

H. J. Moore is a Democrat by inheritance and convictions, and is prominent in all public affairs in his township. In 1886 he was appointed postmaster at Oval, in the duties of which position he is now engaged. He has also served his township as school director, and has held various minor offices. Fraternally he is a member of the National Protective Legion, the Fraternal Mystic Circle and the Pennsylvania Editorial Association.

June 30, 1897, he was united in marriage to Miss Ray Rowe, the daughter of John and Jane Rowe. No children have been born of this union. In religious affairs Mr. Moore and his family are members of the Lutheran Reformed church.

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FRANK C. WENCK.

Frank C. Wenck, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, Villamont district, was born March 21, 1862, in Sullivan county at Campbellsville, Pennsylvania. He is the son of Henry and Ellen (Hart) Wenck, who were farmers. Henry Wenck was born in Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, 1817. Politically, he was a staunch Democrat, and in his religious belief a Methodist. He died in 1891. His wife was born in England, coming to this country when but a small girl, accompanied by her parents, William and Harriet Hart. They were among the pioneer band that settled Sullivan county and were sturdy farmers.

(II) Henry Wenck was the son of John and Mary (Warren)

Wenck (1). He was born in Germany and came to our shores when a young man, and was among the early Sullivan county settlers. The Warrens were English people, who came direct from England to Sullivan county, Pennsylvania. John Wenck was a soldier of the war of 1812 and two of his sons, including George, served in the Civil war from 1861 to 1865. Ephraim was killed.

(III) Frank C. Wenck, the subject, received his education at the common schools, and added a business course at the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute of Tawanda, Pennsylvania, after which he engaged as a salesman, traveling for H. J. Shaylor, of Tawanda, in the farm implement business. He followed this vocation five years and a half. He remained on his father's farm, however, until twenty-one years of age. July 1, 1890, he purchased a bottling business at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and made large amounts of soft drinks known as "temperance drinks;" also mineral waters. He has expanded and been compelled to erect a fine building and a fine residence, one of the best in the city.

He is an honored member of the Royal Arcanum, and in politics, usually votes the Democratic ticket. He was married September 15, 1892, to Caroline D. Schneider, born in Hughesville, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1868. She is the daughter of Peter and Maria (Klees) Schneider, a hotelkeeper of Hughesville. Mr. and Mrs. Wenck have two children: Ruth Elizabeth, born July 19, 1901; Dorothy Caroline, born September 13, 1903.

The old farm at Campbellsville has been owned by the family for about one hundred years. It was first taken up by John, when it was all a wilderness, and from him it was handed down to his son, Henry, who had ten children as follows: 1, Wallace, of Bradford county, Pennsylvania; 2, Charles, a farmer of Sullivan county, Pennsylvania; 3, Charlotte, wife of F. D. Kerrick, ex-county treasurer of

Bradford county, Pennsylvania; 4, Josephine, wife of Thomas R. Winder, of Williamsport, ex-county commissioner and clerk; 5, Laura, wife of Joseph Diffenbach, farmer of Bradford county; 6, Frank C.; 7, John N., a farmer of Hornbrook, Pennsylvania; 8, Serenda, wife of Harry Maurer, of Wilkesbarre; 9, Jennie, wife of Stephen Cox, Bradford county, a railroad man; 10, William, a Bradford county farmer.

Peter Schneider was a native of Germany and came to America when a young man. He served bravely in the Civil war in the Union army. His brother, William, also served in that conflict. He was shot and died from the wound. Their father came to this country several years after his son came. He was a butcher at Ashland, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Wenck's father died young on account of exposure in time of war. His wife, Maria (Klees) Schneider, was the daughter of Isaac and Anna (Stephens) Klees. The Stephens were English Quakers.

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#### LEVI GANN.

Levi Gann, a lifelong resident and highly respected citizen of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and an enterprising and practical farmer, was there born, in Nippenose Valley, in 1845, a son of Israel and Leah (Moore) Gann, and grandson of John and Catherine (Crist) Gann. His grandparents resided in Lycoming county, near Collomsville, for many years, and were by occupation farmers. John Gann died about 1846, and his wife lived until about 1866.

Israel Gann, father of Levi Gann, was a native of Nippenose Valley, and there his entire life was spent. He was a well-to-do, excellent farmer and highly esteemed citizen. He married Leah Moore, and to them eight children were born, five of whom survive: William, Levi, Joseph; Mary, who is the wife of James Van Dyke; and Ida, who married J. W.



Van Dyke. The death of Israel Gann occurred in 1870, and his wife survived him until 1880.

In early life Levi Gann was engaged in assisting his father with the farm work, and later engaged in the sale of pianos and musical instruments. Subsequently he removed to Williamsport, there conducting his music business with considerable success for twelve years. In 1903 he purchased the fine old homestead of a Mr. Crane, situated a short distance south of Jersey Shore, on the Susquehanna river. The property consists of seventy acres of finely laid-out, highly cultivated land, and to this Mr. Gann has recently added seventy-five acres, this having been purchased from the adjoining estate of George Crane (deceased). Mr. Gann makes a specialty of raising tobacco and potatoes, and has met with the most gratifying success in this line. He is an excellent farmer and thorough business man, and in conjunction with the management of his agricultural interests conducts in a small way the music business at his rural residence. In politics Levi Gann is a sound Democrat, and is deeply interested in the welfare of that organization, although he has never aspired to public office.

In 1884 Mr. Gann was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lampe, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lampe of Williamsport. Mr. and Mrs. Gann are the parents of the following named three children: Lon, Alice and Emily.



#### MOSES LIONEL GEE.

Moses Lionel Gee is a descendant of old French settlers. His grandfather, Moses Gee, located at Virgil Corners early in the history of our country, and there married Abigail Rush. They were supposed to be Yankees of French extraction. To them were born seven chil-

dren: Katie, Nancy, Sallie, Fergus, Philemon, Joseph, and Vanrasler. The last named is living at Westfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania.

Philemon, the father of our subject, was apprenticed to the trade of wagonmaker and blacksmith, and carried on this occupation in connection with farming. He owned a farm at Barton, New York, which he sold in 1865, and moved to Richford, New York, where he bought a farm of one hundred and forty acres, and engaged in the lumber and jobbing business as well. He lived here until his death in 1885. He was very religiously inclined, taking great pleasure in perusing his Bible, and was a regular attendant at the Lutheran church. He was a man prominent in the affairs of his town, and was greatly respected. He married, first, Abigail Gee, who was a cousin several times removed, and they were blessed with six children: 1. Nancy, who married Derozel Owen; she died, and Mr. Owen married (second) Sallie, and they had four children: Eugene, Rosa Belle, Josephine, and Philemon. Mr. Owen served with great credit in the civil war, and at his death his widow married Samuel Vandermark. 2. Sallie. 3. Mary, who married Charles Ayers, who also served in the civil war; they were the parents of three children: Josephus, Robert, and Jabez, all of whom are now orphans. 4. Derozel. 5. Josephus, killed at the battle of Gettysburg, July 3, 1864. 6. Leroy, who married Cora Gee; they have one daughter, Flora, who married Dr. Frank Forshee. Philemon married (second) Martha A. Vandermark, January 25, 1852, and of this union were born four children: 1. Moses L., the subject of this sketch. 2. Noah W., who is the proprietor of a large stock farm near Bradford, Pennsylvania, and who married Emma Zimmer; they have two children, one son and one daughter: Illa and Viola. 3. Charles resides at Trout Run and married Ella Jenkins; they have four children: Bert, Bessie,



Moses, and Florence. 4. Myra, who married William Kyes, a farmer at Steamburg, Cattaraugus county, New York.

Moses Lionel Gee, son of Philemon and Martha A. (Vandermark) Gee, was born at Barton, Tioga county, New York, November 14, 1852. He began his education in the common schools, and at about the time of his entering his fourteenth year his parents moved to Richford, Tioga county, New York, where he received another year's schooling. He then worked for his father, cutting and skidding logs, and also assisted on his father's farm of one hundred and forty acres, forty of which were cleared. He remained in his father's employ and living at home until he had attained the age of twenty-one. It was his father's custom to give each of his sons a parcel of land consisting of twenty-five acres, when he thought they were able to take care of it. This land was encumbered with timber. When Moses L. Gee received this land he exchanged his horses which he had raised on his father's farm for a yoke of oxen, cleared the timber from his land, and manufactured it into lumber, which he sold. He then undertook the cutting and peeling of logs with which to stock a mill for H. S. Finch, and sold the bark to Davage and Horton, tanners. After this he bought out his brothers, who had received the same quantity of land from their father that he had. This gave him about one hundred and seven acres, which he cultivated and on which he erected a home for himself. During the winter months he undertook lumbering for different people. This occupation he followed until 1891, when he moved to the village of Richford, Tioga county, and lived there for two years. In 1893 he moved to English Center, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and accepted a position with the Elk Tanning Company, as superintendent of the woods for them. This position he held for one year.

In 1894 he came to Trout Run, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania,

and entered into partnership with J. W. Allen and Duncan McClacken, and has resided here ever since. They erected a mill at Trout Run and operated it for two years under the firm name of Allen Lumber Company, at which time C. R. Finch bought out the interest of Duncan McClacken, and one year later Mr. Gee bought out both of his partners. He carried on the business alone for about a year, when he sold a half interest to his former partner, J. W. Allen, and the business was carried on under the firm name of M. L. Gee and Company until January 1, 1893, when he again bought out his partner and continued the business alone until April, 1894. At this time the mill was burned down, and he at once set to work and erected a new mill and had it in operation in July of the same year. In 1898 he built his present residence, which is one of the finest and most commodious in the place. Mr. Gee has bought and remodeled a number of properties, and in 1904 he built a large double dwelling. Mr. Gee is an active member of the Presbyterian church, and it is largely through his instrumentality and liberality that the congregation was enabled to remodel the building. He was a member of the building committee, and not alone did he contribute freely from his own means, but he collected the greater part of the funds needed for the work. Mr. Gee held many town offices while living in New York state, being commissioner of highways for seven years, and trustee of the public schools and collector of the school tax. Since living here he has been director of the public schools six years and treasurer of the board five years. At present he is deacon and trustee of the Presbyterian church. He is a member of Trout Run Lodge No. 851, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has held the offices of chaplain, conductor, vice-grand, and trustee.

Mr. Gee was united in marriage at Berkshire, New York, to Miss Jennie Haynes, who was born at Richford, Tioga county, New York,

January 11, 1854. She is the daughter of Sylvester C. and Louise T. (Burleigh) Haynes, and was educated in the common schools of Richford, New York, and studied for several years at Dryden Academy and at Lisle Academy, from all of which she graduated. Mr. and Mrs. Gee are the parents of one daughter, Ida Louise, born July 27, 1880. Ida Louise was a graduate of the Dickinson Seminary in 1903, and graduated in music from the same institution in 1904. She follows the profession of music and resides with her parents.

Mr. Gee is prominently identified with all the best interests of the town in which he lives, and has filled the various offices he has held to the great satisfaction of his fellow citizens. He is prosperous, and a fine representative of what pluck and perseverance can do. He is strong in his convictions and tenacious of his rights, equally respecting the rights of others.

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#### WILLIAM FOLLMER.

William Follmer, of Trout Run, Pennsylvania, is well and favorably known as a builder. He is a descendant of the early settlers, his great-grandfather, Michael Follmer, having come from Germany to Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1737. He settled near Milton, Northumberland county, in 1778, and died in 1793. He was the father of six sons and three daughters. The family donated the site of the Follmer Lutheran church and a farm of eighty acres to the congregation. He and his wife are buried in the cemetery at that church.

Adam Follmer, son of Michael Follmer and grandfather of William Follmer, the subject of this sketch, sent his three sons (William, Jonathan, and David) to Lycoming county about 1815 to settle a tract of land in Loyalsock township, which he had purchased.

William Follmer, father of the subject of this sketch, was a native of Turbut township, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, where he was born December 19, 1793. William Follmer married Catharine Schwartz, a daughter of Peter Schwartz, a native of Germany and one of the pioneers of Loyalsock township, where she was born April 9, 1791. He cleared and improved his land and became one of the prominent and substantial farmers of Loyalsock township. He was a Democrat and filled various of the township offices. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran church and lived and died in that faith. Mrs. Follmer died April 2, 1855. He survived her fifteen years and died April 25, 1870. They were the parents of thirteen children: 1. Mary M., widow of William Wheeland, of Loyalsock township, born December 14, 1815. 2. Sarah, wife of George Hartman, of Syracuse, Nebraska, born March 2, 1817. 3. Rosanna, born August 6, 1818, and died September 18, 1826. 4. Adam, of Williamsport, born May 19, 1820, died July, 1903. 5. Catharine, born December 29, 1821, married Christian Edler, and died September 20, 1847. 6. Julia Ann, widow of Jesse Strieby, of Eldred township, born July 10, 1823. 7. Susanna, widow of James McWilliams, of Kansas, born May 21, 1825. 8. Margaret, wife of William Hayes, of Montoursville, born March 11, 1827. 9. Charlotte F., second wife of Christian Edler, of Montoursville, born February 6, 1829. 10. Lydia, wife of James M. Neece, of Williamsport, born October 29, 1830. 11. Amelia, widow of Jesse Hyman, of New York state, born May 13, 1833. 12. William, the subject of our sketch. 13. Peter, born February 1, 1837.

William Follmer, son of William and Catharine (Schwartz) Follmer, was born in Loyalsock township, Lycoming county, on the farm on which his brother Peter still resides, on April 23, 1835. He was educated in the common school in the building known as the old Union

school house, in Loyalsock township, Pennsylvania. He remained under the parental roof until he was about twenty-two years of age, and then taught one term each in the Warrensville and Fairview schools. On one occasion, during his term as teacher, the schoolhouse was demolished by a fierce storm which was raging.

He entered into a partnership with William Hayes in 1862, built a flour mill at Farragut, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and operated it for a year. He purchased a mill in Greggs township, Union county, Pennsylvania, in the fall of 1864, and superintended the work actively until 1868. Previous to this, in 1866, he built the bridge between Allenwood and Dewart, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania. He came to Trout Run in 1868 and erected a mill there. The flour mill at Hepburnville, now operated by Fleming and Sholenberger, was built by him in 1875, and was operated under his personal supervision until 1877, when he was elected prothonotary of Lycoming county; he was re-elected in 1880, and served six years. He sold the flour mill at Hepburnville in 1883, and bought the Trout Run mill and operated it until 1890, when he sold it and bought a mill at Watsontown, and operated the same under the name of Follmer, Fowler and Company, and moved his family there in 1890. He rebuilt the bridge which had been washed away by the great flood of 1889. In 1895 he retired from active work in the milling business and turned over all his interests to his sons, he himself returning to Trout Run to live. Mr. Follmer has built the abutments of twenty-two county bridges. It was through his efforts that the Presbyterian church was built, as he solicited all the money, and the church was then built in 1884. He is an elder and trustee of the church, and when living in Watsontown he was elder in the Lutheran church there. He has held the office of county auditor for seven years, been school director two terms, and in 1905 was elected justice of the



peace at Trout Run. Mr. Follmer was married in 1857 to Catharine Biehl, who was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, May, 1838, and died in 1891 of lockjaw caused by stepping on a rusty nail at Watsontown; she is buried in Williamsport cemetery. She was the daughter of Peter and Rachel Biehl, farmers, of Fairfield township. William and Catharine had eight children born to them: The first died in infancy. 2. Ella, born August 5, 1859, married J. C. Fowler, and they are the parents of seven children. Mr. Fowler is the cashier of the First National Bank of Montgomery, Pennsylvania. 3. Jennie A., born November, 1861, unmarried. 4. Clayton C., born April 12, 1864; he married Verena Anderson, and they have one child, Bertha. Clayton was educated in Williamsport and has been engaged in the milling business all his life. At present he is in partnership with his father at Watsontown. 5. William Sherman, born 1866, died 1874. 6. Clemmie C., born March, 1870, married Rev. C. P. Bastian (Lutheran minister), now living in Littlestown, Adams county, Pennsylvania; they have two children, Frederick F. and Ruth. 7. Harris L., born April 12, 1872, a farmer below Trout Run, in Lewis township; single. 8. Margaret, born August, 1874, was educated in Williamsport high school and Dickinson Seminary. On October 31, 1903, Mr. Follmer married Susan Cornwell, daughter of Thomas and Harriet Cornwell, the former born March 5, 1832, died February 28, 1903, and the latter born November 31, 1839, died February 16, 1891. Mr. Cornwell was a prominent lumberman of Trout Run.

Mr. Follmer enjoys great popularity in the social circles of Trout Run, and is noted for his liberality. He is always ready to help those in need, and is universally respected.



## GEORGE G. COCHRAN.

George G. Cochran, a representative agriculturist of Woodward township, who operated nearly one hundred acres of valuable land on which has been discovered rich mineral ore and one of the best sulphur springs in the state, was born in Nippenose Valley, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, June 13, 1844.

John S. Cochran, father of George G. Cochran, was born in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, a son of William Cochran, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to this country at an early day and was drowned in the river in Lewisburg. John S. Cochran was a shoemaker by trade, which line of work he followed for a number of years, and later in life turned his attention to farming. He resided for a time in Union county, from whence he removed to Collomsville, Lycoming county, and thence to a farm on Pine Run, northwest of Linden, where the remainder of his life was spent. He held the office of tax collector in Woodward township for several years, and was a man of considerable influence in the community. He married Anna M. Clark, a native of Nippenose Valley, daughter of William Clark, a well remembered tavern keeper of Nippenose Valley, where he conducted a business at the foot of White Deer Mountain, one mile east of Collomsville. Thirteen children were the issue of this marriage, nine of whom grew to maturity, namely: William; Agnes, wife of B. S. Meyers; Mrs. E. R. Main; Mrs. W. A. Abernatha; David Antes, a veteran of the civil war; Mrs. Joseph Schultz; Henry, who lost his life during the period of the civil war, in which he took an active part; Benjamin F., deceased; and George G., mentioned at length hereinafter. John S. Cochran was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his wife was a member of the Presbyterian church. Their deaths occurred in 1864 and 1873, respectively.

George G. Cochran was reared and educated in Woodward township, whither his parents removed when he was one year old, and with the exception of four years has resided there all his lifetime. He directed his attention to agricultural pursuits, and in 1865 took up the butchering business, which he has followed in conjunction with farming ever since, a period of forty years. He purchased his present farm in 1889, which he has greatly improved and beautified, and being a practical man and experienced farmer has derived a large income from this investment. He erected a modern and commodious residence for himself and family on this property, and a fine barn costing in the neighborhood of \$2,000. The discovery of natural gas and sulphur water of a fine quality on his premises makes it a very desirable site for summer cottages. Mr. Cochran has been the incumbent of several township offices, which he filled in a creditable and acceptable manner. He is well known in the vicinity of his home, and enjoys the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Cochran was married in 1870 to Sarah J. Bomgardner, born in Mifflin township, December 1, 1852, daughter of Henry A. Bomgardner. To this union were born seven children, five of whom are living, as follows: Mrs. L. R. Knight, Stephen S., Mrs. S. M. Locker, David M., and **Laura T. Cochran.**

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#### JAMES M. WOLF.

James M. Wolf, of Waterville, ex-sheriff of Lycoming county, is a representative of one of the old and honored families on Pine Creek, well known for their enterprise and patriotism, who have made for themselves a prominent place in the history of this section of the state.

Michael Wolf (grandfather), a native of Berks county, Pennsyl-

vania, and son of a German emigrant who served in the revolutionary war, settled in Lycoming county at an early day, coming from Berks county. He located near the mouth of Pine Creek, the place now being known as Phelps Mills, purchased property and erected and operated a grist mill, that being his trade. He operated the same up to the time of his decease, and was then succeeded by his sons. He married Catherine Miller, of Berks county, who bore him the following children, all of whom are deceased at the present time (1905) but Henry M., mentioned hereinafter. Their names are as follows: John, Henry M., Jacob, George, Thomas, William, Catherine, who was the wife of John Stout; Elizabeth, who was the wife of John Haggerty; Susan, who was the wife of Thomas Bonnell; and Sarah, who was the wife of Jacob Bonnell. Mr. Wolf was a member of the Lutheran church, and a Democrat in politics.

Henry M. Wolf (father) was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, April 6, 1814. He removed to Lycoming county with his parents, and remained upon the homestead until he attained manhood. He was employed for a number of years by various lumber companies, and subsequently took contracts for getting out lumber, in which he was quite successful, until 1840, when he leased what is now known as the Ross Mill, which he operated for six years, after which he engaged in farming. He then moved to Jersey Mills, where he followed farming and lumbering up to 1861, at which date he located in Waterville. Here he purchased five hundred and sixty-eight acres of land, a portion of which he cultivated up to his retirement from active work. He is still the owner of this property, but his sons now look after his interests. He is one of the well known and highly respected citizens of Lycoming county, the esteem in which he is held being evidenced by the fact that he has filled all the principal township offices, including that of county

auditor and county commissioner, having been appointed in 1851 and 1863, respectively. He is a member of the Baptist church, and was a liberal contributor toward the building of the churches of that denomination at Jersey Mills and Jersey Shore. He is a Democrat in politics.

In 1837 Henry M. Wolf married Mary Gamble, daughter of Andrew Gamble, who bore him eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity; George T.; Andrew G., deceased; James M.; Michael; Jane E., deceased; Oliver W.; John G.; Sarah A., and Henry M., Jr. The mother of these children died in 1877. For his second wife Mr. Wolf married Mrs. Ellen B. Sears, daughter of a Mr. Butler, a representative of one of the early families of Wellsboro, Pennsylvania.

During the war of the rebellion Henry M. Wolf was a staunch supporter of his country's cause, and five of his sons and one son-in-law served in the Federal ranks. George T. and Andrew were members of Company G, Eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry; the former was sergeant, and the latter was killed at Charles City; Oliver was a member of Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-first Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was wounded at Fredericksburg; and Michael was a private in Company G, Forty-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. James M., whose name heads this sketch, organized a squad of men in 1862 which formed a part of Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-first Regiment, serving nine months. He was made first lieutenant of the same company. After the expiration of his first term of service he recruited another squad of men for Company G, Forty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which company he was made first lieutenant as before. During the hottest of the fighting in 1862 he was confined in the hospital. Henry M. Wolf and his wife, with the anxiety of loving parents, desired to go to the front and visit their son, but orders

were strict and permission would not be given a civilian. To overcome this, a friend of Mr. Wolf, who was in the commissary department, sent him as his representative, furnished him a pass, and as a government employe he was passed through the lines to the front. He took his son home with him and nursed him back to health, thus no doubt saving his life.

James M. Wolf was born on Pine Creek, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1840. Here he was reared and educated, attending the common schools and a business college at Syracuse, New York. Later he entered into partnership with his brother Michael, and under the firm name of J. M. and M. Wolf they successfully conducted a milling and lumber business for a number of years. The saw mill, grist mill and planing mill gave employment to a large number of people, and thus was a source of benefit to the community and its residents. During the flood in 1889 everything was swept away, involving a loss of thirty thousand dollars. Mr. Wolf was elected sheriff of Lycoming county in 1887 and served in that capacity until 1890. He was justice of the peace for five years, and also held all of the important offices in the township. He is now in the employ of the state, looking after the lands belonging to it, there being fifteen thousand acres in Cummings township alone. He is a Baptist in his religious views, and a Democrat in politics. During his war service, above mentioned, he participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Second Bull Run, Antietam and Chancellorsville; and at a later day he aided in the maintenance of law and order during the Minersville coal riot. He is a member of Reno Post, and the Knights of Malta.

Mr. Wolf was married three times—first in 1872, to Amanda A. Ranck, daughter of Cyrus Ranck, who bore him two children, and who died in 1877; second, to Elsie J. Carson, daughter of William Carson,



who bore him two children: Frances E. and James B.; and third, to Tacey E. Ramsay, daughter of Thomas and Harriet Ramsay, who bore him one son, Rowland H. Wolf.

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HENRY WHIPPEL.

One of the oldest and most respected citizens of Woodward township is Henry Whippel. Mr. Whippel is the son of Philip Whippel, who was born in North Branch and was a farmer of considerable ability. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife was Charlotte Cole, a native of Little Pine Creek, and the following children were born to them: Hannah, Polly, Jane, Susan, Catherine, Margaret, Daniel, and Henry, mentioned at length hereinafter. Of this number only the two last named are living.

Mr. Whippel was one of the pioneers of Woodward township, and at the time of his settlement deer, wolves and bears were found there in large numbers. At one time the dogs chased a deer so closely that it took refuge in the mill-dam. On this occasion Mrs. Whippel proved herself a worthy consort of her pioneer husband, for she caught the deer in the water and killed it on the spot. The descendants of Mr. and Mrs. Whippel now living include two children, six grandchildren, twenty-seven great-grandchildren and twenty great-great-grandchildren.

Henry Whippel, son of Philip and Charlotte (Cole) Whippel, was born May 18, 1823, in Woodward township, of which he has ever since been a continuous resident. His early life was spent in boating, owning a boat himself. He subsequently purchased a farm of one hundred acres which he still owns and upon which one of his sons resides. A portion of this land he inherited from his father. Politically he and his sons are Republicans, and in matters of religion he and his family are



divided, some being Methodists, some Evangelicals and others Baptists.

Mr. Whippel married, in 1845, Elizabeth Miller, and of the thirteen children born to them eight grew to maturity: Catherine, deceased; Harriet; Daniel; Jane; Margaret, deceased; Henry; Letitia; and Ida. The mother of these children passed away in September, 1901, an irreparable loss to them and to their father.

Mr. Whippel was in his younger days a practical farmer, but is now enjoying the leisure so well earned by his many years of industry and endeavor.



#### MUNRO CLAY SNYDER, D. D. S.

The grandfather of Dr. Munro Clay Snyder, of Jersey Shore, was Jacob Snyder, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and who, with Phoebe, his wife, formerly a resident of Sunbury, Pennsylvania, removed in early life to Lairdsville, Lycoming county. Philip Snyder, son of Jacob and Phoebe Snyder, was born September 10, 1838, at Lairdsville, where he attended the common schools and worked on the homestead, and in his father's saw-mill, which was one of the first mills in the neighborhood, and was one of the old "up and down" variety. After his father's death he carried on the business, becoming one of the well known lumbermen of the county. He made many improvements on the homestead, building the large barn in 1884, and his new residence in 1888. Some time since he retired from the lumber business and now resides on his farm which consists of nearly two hundred acres. He has held the office of school director a number of terms. Politically, he is a Prohibitionist. He is a deacon in the Baptist church and superintendent of the Sunday School, having held both positions for a number of years.

Mr. Snyder was married, March 5, 1862, to Mary Jane, daughter

of Peter and Sarah Sones, and their children were 1. Ellis M., born May 12, 1863, married Melissa, daughter of Burgess and Alice Swisher, of North Mountain, and they have one child, Mary Alice. 2. Mary E., born September 12, 1865, died June 23, 1891. 3. Thomas C., born February 7, 1868, freight agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, married Alice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hartman, near Lairdsville, and has one son, Herman, about twelve years old. 4. Jacob P., born November 24, 1870, dentist in Williamsport, married in the fall of 1899 to Sophia, daughter of Jacob and Rosanna Heim, of Hepburn, this county. They have one daughter, Rosanna, born November, 1902. 5. Munro Clay, mentioned at length hereafter. 6. Sallie E., born February 26, 1875, wife of George Staddon, of Moreland, and mother of children, Munro, Lloyd, Frank and Ethel. 7. Fannie, born February 5, 1878, died July 17, 1880. 8. Herbert D., born November 24, 1880, assisted his father on the homestead, married Mazie, daughter of John and Melissa Myers, and has three children, Maurice, Melissa, and Irene. His death, which occurred May 19, 1905, was the result of typhoid pneumonia. He was a member of the Baptist church, from where he was buried, the funeral being very largely attended and the services conducted by his pastor, Dr. H. C. Munro, of Whitehall. 9. Jennie, born February 22, 1882, died September 22, 1884.

Munro Clay Snyder, son of Philip and Mary Jane (Sones) Snyder, was born March 26, 1873, at Lairdsville, attended the public schools, worked on his father's farm and saw-mill, and at the age of sixteen entered the Muncy Normal school. The winter of 1889 and 1890 he taught the Laurel Run school, in Moreland township, returning to the Muncy Normal the following summer, and teaching the North Mountain school in Franklin township the next winter. He then gave up teach-

ing for three years, spending a part of the time at home on his father's farm, when he again spent some time at Muncy Normal, and taught the Crescent school in Hepburn township for two consecutive terms. In October, 1897, he, with his brother Jacob, entered the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, Philadelphia, graduating therefrom in May, 1900. In November of that year he settled in Jersey Shore, opening a dental parlor in the Molly Parker building. He remained there until April, 1902, when he moved to the Sallada Block, where he has a fine office and a large practice. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, National Protective Legion, and the Earnest Americans, holding important positions in each. Politically he is a Prohibitionist, having voted that ticket since attaining his majority. In his religious faith he is a Baptist, but since his residence in Jersey Shore, not wishing to take his wife from her church in her home town, he joined her church, the Lutheran.

Dr. Snyder married, August 29, 1900, Capitola Coder Poust, born August 16, 1876, at Jersey Shore, daughter of Albert H. and Alice (Irvin) Poust. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of invited guests, at the home of the bride, by the Rev. Calvin Fasold, then pastor of the Lutheran church, Jersey Shore.

Mrs. Snyder, before her marriage, was for a number of years one of Jersey Shore's most successful public school teachers. She and her husband were the parents of one child, Ruth Irvin, born January 27, 1904. Some months after the birth of their child, Mrs. Snyder's health began to fail, though it was not considered serious. A visit to the country was being arranged for, in the hope that she would regain her normal health, but before arrangements were completed, she was suddenly taken sick, and after but three days' illness, departed this life, June 25, 1904.

Her death, coming so unexpectedly, was a great shock to the entire community, and her loss was deeply mourned by a large circle of friends,

the sphere of her usefulness having been widely extended. What may seem a singular coincidence, is that her most intimate friend, Miss Ruth Reeder, of Montoursville, was seriously ill at the same time, and died in less than a week after Mrs. Snyder. Mrs. Snyder was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church since early childhood, was a teacher in the Sunday school, an active worker in the Luther League, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. At the time of her death she was president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and treasurer of the Missionary Society. The funeral services, which were very largely attended, were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Charles Fickinger, assisted by Rev. P. H. Lynch of the Baptist church. There was a beautiful display of floral tributes, among them being floral designs from the National Protective Legion, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Luther League, the Sunday School, and from her husband, relatives and many friends. Interment was made in the local cemetery.

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#### HENRY BOWER.

One of the finely improved and therefore productive farms of Lycoming county is located in Bryans Mills and is the property of Henry Bower, who through perseverance and good judgment has gained a prominent place among the agriculturists of the community. He has been a life-long resident of the county in which he now resides, born August 22, 1828, a son of Henry and Elizabeth Bower.

He attended the common schools of the neighborhood and thus acquired a knowledge of the rudimentary branches of education, and later by reading and observation became well informed on a number of

subjects. He has made many valuable improvements to his property through the course of his ownership, has placed the soil under a high state of cultivation, and in addition to general farm products raises a large quantity of cows, horses, pigs and chickens, which he readily disposes of to the nearby markets. He supports the principles of the Prohibition party, and his religious views are in accord with the tenets of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which organization he holds membership.

On December 28, 1858, Mr. Bower married Emma E. Clark, who was born December 18, 1838, a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Clark, and they were the parents of five children, namely: Clara E., Thomas M., Reena, Emma L. and Harry C. Bower.

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#### CHARLES FREY.

Charles Frey, a venerable and esteemed citizen of Hughesville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born February 19, 1829. In his parents' family were eleven children, the others being: Daniel; John, deceased; George; Savilla, who became the wife of George Worthington, and they reside in Kansas; Christina, who became the wife of Robert Worthington, and they reside in Penn township; Susanna, Barney, William, Sophia and Caroline, the five latter named being deceased.

Charles Frey received the educational advantages afforded by the common schools of that early day, but by reading and observation he became well informed on a variety of subjects. During the dark days of the civil war period he was drafted to serve in the army, but owing to the illness of his wife, who was the mother of several small children, he was compelled to remain at home and in consequence paid his fine to the United States government. He was chosen by his fellow citizens

to serve in various offices of trust and responsibility, among them being that of overseer of the poor for twelve years, tax collector for one term, and assessor.

Mr. Frey was united in marriage to Miss Savilla Yagle, daughter of Elias and Susanna (Flick) Yagle, the former having been born in the year 1799, a son of Andrew and Mary (Yeagle) Yeagle, and a direct descendant of the pioneer ancestors of the American branch of the family, who came from Britonburgh, Prussia, in 1770, took up land and settled in a home in the state of Pennsylvania, and the latter was a descendant of John and Mary (Young) Flick, who came from France about the year 1725, and also settled in the state of Pennsylvania. Elias and Susanna (Flick) Yagle were the parents of the following named children: Edward L., deceased; Thomas Jefferson, born in 1824, now resides in Williamsport; Margaret U., born in 1829; Effie Kathryn, born in 1831, became the wife of Frank Miller, and they reside in Williamsport; Emeline; Mary Jane, born in 1841; and Saville, aforementioned as the wife of Charles Frey.

Mr. and Mrs. Frey are the parents of seven children, as follows: Emma C., born April 17, 1853, became the wife of Silas McCarty, and they reside in Kansas; Margaret C., born October 22, 1854, became the wife of William Fedhroff, and resides in Fairfield, Pennsylvania; Florence M., born September 12, 1856, became the wife of Daniel Andrews, and resides in Moreland, Pennsylvania; William E. F., born October 14, 1859, married Jennie Townsend, and they reside in Penn township, Pennsylvania; Charles E., born August 10, 1861, married Mary Brown, and they reside in Muncy Creek township, Pennsylvania; Gordon E., born October 11, 1864, married Lizzie Kelley, and resides in Penn township, Pennsylvania; and Jennie F., born November 18, 1871, became the wife of Elias Hill, and they reside in Penn township, Pennsylvania.



## OSCAR C. ANTES.

Oscar C. Antes, born November 17, 1876, in Chapman township, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, is the son of Frederick T. and Maria W. Antes. Having become an important factor in the general upbuilding of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, a sketch of his life very naturally finds a place in this connection. He was educated at the common schools in Susquehanna township and at the Commercial College of Williamsport. He finished his school days in 1899, and the following year was in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, as a "section hand." November 6, 1900, he entered the office of McVaugh & Mason, as bookkeeper, continuing until the dissolution of the company, which was succeeded by the McVaugh Lumber Company. September 8, 1893, Mr. Antes succeeded that company and is still carrying on a general planing mill business, at the corner of Third and Rose streets.

As a rule, a very just estimate may be placed on a man's career and business affairs by what the local press publishes concerning him, hence the following, which appeared January 20, 1905, in the columns of the Williamsport Sun, is here appended:

"Of the many business enterprises that have helped to make Williamsport one of the chief commercial centers in the country, the lumber business has held an important place. There is no business that bears a greater importance than a well-equipped planing mill and lumber yard; in fact, a factory of this nature is a practical necessity to all progressive communities.

"The concern of which Oscar C. Antes is the head, began under its present management about two years ago, at which time Mr. Antes succeeded the McVaugh Lumber Company. The mill and yards of



Oscar C. Aukes



this company are conveniently situated at the corner of Third and Rose streets, and have all the facilities for transportation that two railroads can offer. It is not an uncommon sight, at this place, to see, nearly every morning, carloads of rough lumber placed on their switches, ready for dressing and planing. The plant occupies about two acres of ground, and all is fully equipped in the most modern and scientific manner, with all necessary wood-working machinery for sawing, planing, matching, grooving and general planing mill job work. A new Glencove planing and matcher machine, which will facilitate greatly in all their varied work, has recently been put in by them and great results are expected from it."

January 14, 1893, Elsie M. Moore became Mr. Antes' wife. She is the daughter of Ellis and Mary J. Moore, of Montoursville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Antes is a member of the Grace Street M. E. church of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and politically is in sympathy with the Prohibition party, receiving in 1903 the nomination for register and recorder at that party's hands, but was not elected. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., Washington Camp No. 299, at Montoursville, Pennsylvania; also of Eureka Lodge, No. 335, A. F. & A. M. of the same place. In Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree and is a member of the Ancient Scottish Rite, Valley of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

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#### WILLIAM LUCAS.

William Lucas, proprietor of the Central Hotel, Montoursville, Pennsylvania, which he purchased in 1888, is a native of Tampa Bay, Florida, the date of his birth being December 15, 1843. His parents were Luther Wesley and Mary Ann (Cassidy) Lucas, the former named

having been born near Richmond, Virginia. Later he located in the state of Pennsylvania, where he engaged in mercantile business for a number of years, and subsequently changed his place of residence to the state of Florida, from which he enlisted in the Fifth United States Infantry, and was killed in battle during the Mexican war. His wife and children, of whom William is the only one now living, moved to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1849, where she resided until her death, August 19, 1861.

In 1856, at the age of thirteen years, William Lucas left home and located in Montoursville, where he at once engaged in boating on the canal, continuing this occupation until July 1, 1861. That year being the crisis in our nation's history, Mr. Lucas was one of the first to respond to the call for troops, enlisting in Company G, Twenty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. He served for three years and one month, during which time he participated in all the battles and skirmishes in which his company took part. At the close of hostilities between the north and south Mr. Lucas returned to Montoursville and resumed his former occupation, boating, until 1884, in which year he became proprietor of the Central Hotel, a well-known and popular hostelry, and four years later he became the owner of the property, which is located in the best portion of Montoursville and therefore of considerable value. Mr. Lucas is a liberal and public-spirited citizen, justly meriting the esteem in which he is held. He has served as burgess and constable of Montoursville, discharging the duties of office in a highly creditable and satisfactory manner. He is a staunch adherent of the principles of Republicanism. He holds membership in Eureka Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Fairfield Lodge and Encampment, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Union Veteran Legion; and Reno Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Williamsport.

In September, 1865, Mr. Lucas was united in marriage to Mary L. Frock, and their children are: Jennie M. and Harry S. Lucas.

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HARRY K. FRONTZ.

Harry K. Frontz, of Montgomery, a leading member of the dental profession, conducting an extensive and lucrative practice in the above named town, is a native of Hughesville, Pennsylvania, born April 12, 1868.

George Frontz, father of Harry K. Frontz, was also a native of Hughesville, born in 1841. He married Emma Kistner, and their children are as follows: Howard, who married Mrs. Jessie Acher, and they reside in Huntington, Pennsylvania. C. Benjamin, a resident of Colorado; he studied the profession of dentistry, but his entire time and attention is devoted to the management of a gold mine, of which he is the owner. Charles J., a Lutheran minister, married Mary Worthing, of Salem Grove, and they are the parents of one child, Catherine. J. Arthur, a resident of Scranton, Pennsylvania, who married Florence Honn, of Philadelphia. Harry K., mentioned hereinafter.

Harry K. Frontz attended the Susquehanna University at Selins Grove, completing his course there at the age of twenty years. For a short period of time he was in the office of Dr. Reedy, a leading dentist, and subsequently he entered the Pennsylvania Dental College, at Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated. In 1895 he engaged in the active practice of his profession in the town of Montgomery, which he has conducted continuously up to the present time (1905). March 1, 1903, he was appointed postmaster at Montgomery, the duties of which office he has performed faithfully in addition to his other interests.



Mr. Frontz was married to Laura Shelden, who was born August 5, 1870, a daughter of Edward M. and Lucy (Mayer) Shelden, residents of Hughesville, whose family consisted of the following named children: May, deceased; Anna, wife of H. S. Hill, and mother of three children—Chandler, Caroline Edna, and Harry, deceased; and Laura, aforementioned as the wife of Mr. Frontz. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Frontz are as follows: Blanche, born August 15, 1897; and Harry K., Jr., born June 30, 1899.

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JAMES GLASS.

James Glass, one of the representative business men of Montgomery, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, whose success in life has been the direct result of integrity, energy and perseverance, is a native of Brady township, born June 23, 1854. His parents were Charles and Sarah B. (Wasser) Glass, who reared a family of ten children, namely: James, Charles, Reuben, Hannah, Adeline, Catherine, Sadie, Emma, Cotner, and Hattie Glass.

James Glass attended the common schools of his native township, completing his studies at the age of fourteen years, after which he commenced farming for his father, continuing thus until he was twenty-eight years of age. He then engaged in the lightning-rod business, accepting a position with the firm of Raber, Hunter & Company, with whom he remained for the long period of eighteen years, one year as a laborer and the remainder of the time as a salesman. The following seven years were devoted to other occupations, and from then to the present time (1905) has been actively connected with the milling business. He is a staunch adherent of the principles of Republicanism, and

has cast his vote for the candidates of that party since attaining his majority.

Mr. Glass married Mary E. Bartlett, who was born August 23, 1856, a daughter of George and Catherine (Cramer) Bartlett, whose family consisted of the following named children: Israel; Sarah; Rebecca, deceased; George, deceased; William, deceased; Mary E., aforementioned as the wife of James Glass; Frank; and Milton, deceased. George Bartlett (father) was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and there followed carpentering and painting with his father. Mr. and Mrs. Glass have reared a family of five children, as follows: Sallie, born January 26, 1876; Cora, born November 11, 1877; Charles S., born October 27, 1880; William, born December 22, 1881; and Maud, born September 17, 1883.

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#### ALBERT DECKER.

Albert Decker, who has been successfully engaged in the quiet but useful calling of agriculture since 1901, in which year he purchased a farm at the Stone Church and moved thereon, is a native of Clinton township, born September 14, 1876, a son of Henry and Mary (Herr) Decker, and grandson of Alexander and Elizabeth (Herman) Decker.

Alexander Decker (grandfather) was a native of Germany, was reared, educated and married there, and in 1834, accompanied by his wife and family, set sail for the new world, locating in what is known as Mosquito Valley, Armstrong township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he endured all the hardships incident to the life of a pioneer. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Herman, bore him eight children, two of whom died in infancy, and the names of those reared to manhood and womanhood are as follows: Catherine, who became

the wife of John Lehman; Elizabeth B., who became the wife of a Mr. Ritter, of Vandalia, Illinois; Henrietta, who became the wife of Jacob Sweely; Gottlieb F., who married Mary Fousel; Henry, mentioned hereinafter; and John C., who married Julia Fousel. The family were members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Decker died in March, 1878, having survived his wife several years, she passing away in 1874.

Henry Decker (father) was born in Wittenberg, Germany, April 11, 1833. He attended the common schools in the neighborhood of his home in the Mosquito Valley, whither his parents removed when he was an infant. Upon attaining manhood he settled on a farm in Clinton township, which he cultivated and operated for a number of years, but subsequently he became noted as a builder and was largely identified with the business interests of Montgomery, Pennsylvania. He was the owner of a large number of dwelling houses in the town, which he leased at a nominal rent in order to enable the occupants to acquire a home by purchase on easy terms. He was actively connected with local affairs, and the esteem in which he was held is evidenced by the fact that he was chosen to serve in the capacity of school director, supervisor, assessor and a delegate to county conventions. He was a Democrat in politics. On May 3, 1855, he was married to Mary Herr, and the following named children were born to them: Henry, Rosanna, Catherine, Alexander, William, George, Mary, John, Frank, Edward, Albert and Isaac. Mr. Decker and family held membership in the Lutheran church of Brady township, in which he served as deacon.

Albert Decker, eighth son of Henry and Mary (Herr) Decker, is a graduate of Lycoming County Normal School and Williamsport Commercial College, completing his studies at the age of twenty-two years. His first employment was as clerk in his father's store, and in connection therewith he engaged in lumbering to a considerable extent.

He continued thus until 1901, when he purchased a farm at the Stone Church, which, under his excellent management and progressive methods, has become one of the most productive in that section of Lycoming county. Mr. Decker has always taken an active interest in the principles of the Democratic party.

Mr. Decker married Elsie D. Hulshizer, who was born April 7, 1878, and their children are: Nevin O., born February 24, 1901, and Laura E., born July 31, 1904.

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JOHN A. FRITZ.

John A. Fritz, a veteran of the Civil war and one of the well-known residents of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, who is esteemed highly for his sterling worth and integrity, was born August 28, 1845, a son of Enoch and Susanna (Artman) Fritz, who were the parents of the following named children: Marie, John A., Daniel, Hiram, Harriet, Maggie, Susan, Abraham, Belle, Martha and Elmer. Enoch Fritz (father) was a native of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. In 1863, at the age of eighteen years, after completing his common school education, he enlisted in Company K, Fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served eighteen months or until the close of the war. He then returned to Montgomery, where he still resides. In politics he is a staunch advocate of Republican principles, and never fails to cast his ballot for the candidates of that party. He is a member of Montgomery Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1867 Mr. Fritz was united in marriage to Carrie T. Cramer, who was born April 28, 1844, in Easton, Pennsylvania, and their children are: Harry F., born July 8, 1868, is express manager and baggage master of the Pine Creek Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, married

Ruth Ella Croft, issue, one child; they reside at Williamsport. Estella M., born October 14, 1869, became the wife of Wilson Everly, who is employed as foreman on the Pennsylvania Railroad, and their children are: Lavinia and Pauline. Cora F., born January 5, 1871, whose husband is a moulder at the steel plant in Williamsport, and they are the parents of three children: Charles, Ida and Florence. Maggie M., born April 19, 1872, became the wife of Russell Everhart, who is employed in the table factory at Montgomery, and they are the parents of one child, Vincent. Edward P., born June 18, 1873, married Mary Ellis, and their children are: Florence and Stella.

Henry Cramer, father of Mrs. Fritz, came to America from France in 1804, when twenty-three years of age, settled in Philadelphia, and after a residence of three years there came to Easton, where he resided until 1845, in which year he located in Washington township, Lycoming county, where he resided until his death. He followed farming throughout his active career. By his marriage to Rosa Bower the following named children were born: Jacob; John, deceased; Elias; Matilda; Carrie T., wife of John A. Fritz; and Hattie Cramer.

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#### JACOB LITCARD.

Jacob Litcard, a prosperous agriculturist residing at Muncy, was born June 10, 1832, in the house in which he now resides, a son of James and Catherine (Schieres) Litcard, for many years honored and respected residents of that section of the state. Jacob Litcard obtained a practical education in the common schools adjacent to his home, and his occupation throughout the active years of his life has been that of farming, which has yielded him a goodly income and enabled him to ac-

cumulate a competence for his declining years. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and a Democrat in politics.

On December 24, 1868, Mr. Litcard married Catherine Shoemaker, who was born December 16, 1837, and their children are: Alfred Henry, married Dora Lease, who bore him three children: Paul, Walter and David; they reside in Montour county. James Harvy, married, but had no issue; they reside in Montour county. Mina May, became the wife of Jesse Michael, and their family consists of the following named children: Arthur, Alice, Catherine, Willard, Milo and Rosie.

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#### JAMES W. RAKESTRAW.

James W. Rakestraw, a prosperous agriculturist of Montoursville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, whose reliable and progressive methods have brought to him a large degree of prosperity, was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1843, a son of William and Mary (Sweigard) Rakestraw, natives of that county. William Rakestraw was a shoemaker by trade, an honorable and conscientious man, who nobly performed all the duties of life. He died in 1845, and his widow subsequently became the wife of Joseph Knouff, of Perry county, Pennsylvania, and mother of one child, Joseph W. Knouff. Mrs. Knouff died in 1848.

The boyhood days of James W. Rakestraw were spent in the same manner as those of most boys reared in the country—assisting with the work during the summer months and attending the common schools during the winter months. At the age of nineteen years he engaged at railroading on the Pennsylvania line, and later was employed in a saw mill for a number of years. In 1864 he located in Lycoming county and was employed in various ways until 1873, when he began farming in old



Lycoming township, and nine years later, in 1882, settled on his present farm in Fairfield township, where he devotes his attention to general farming and dairying. The confidence and esteem reposed in him by his fellow citizens is evidenced by the fact that he was chosen to fill the offices of school director and treasurer of old Lycoming township. In politics he is a Democrat with independent proclivities.

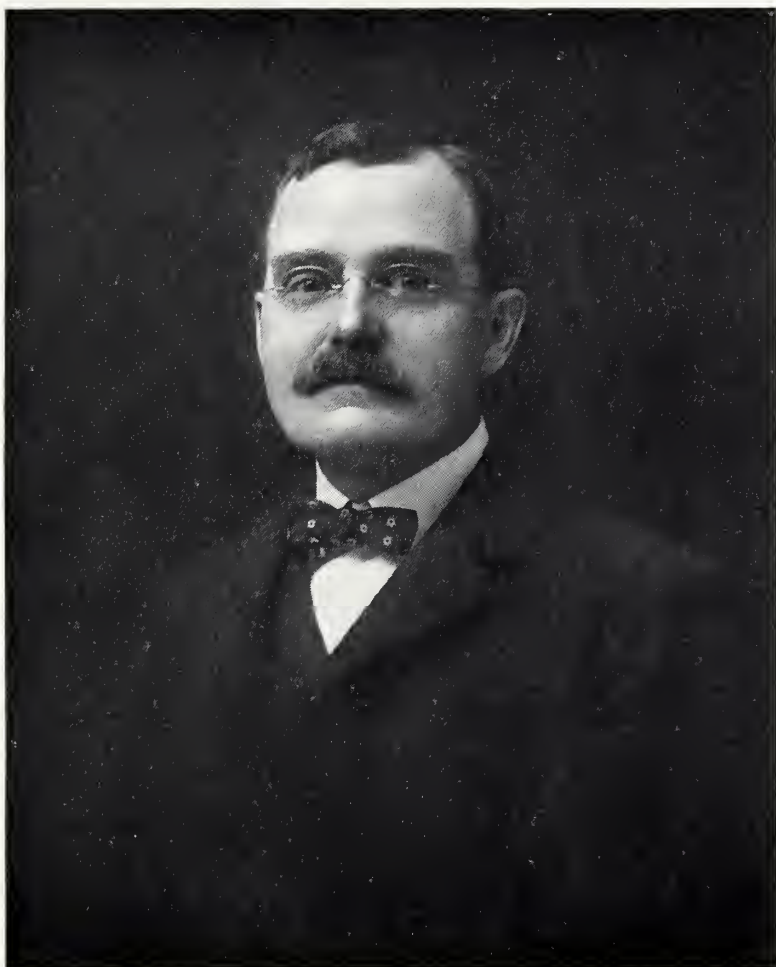
Mr. Rakestraw was united in marriage to Louisa Bastian, of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in 1863, and her death occurred the following year. In 1866 he married Hannah Hinkle, daughter of John R. Hinkle, of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. Their children are as follows: Minnie, who became the wife of John Saylor, Ella May, Sarah Gertrude, Jennie Ray, John Roseberry, James Harrison, Lydia Josephine and Sophia Bertha Rakestraw. The family, which is one of the most highly respected in the community, hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church of Montoursville.



#### JOHN WOCHNER VILLINGER.

John Wochner Villinger, a prosperous merchant of Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born in that place, February 10, 1855, a son of Conrad and Louisa Villinger. The father was born in Linxkrich, Baden, November 25, 1827, and the mother at St. Blase, Baden, July 18, 1826.

In early life John W. Villinger acquired a common school education in English and German, and at the age of eleven years began work in a planing mill, where he was employed for about two years, during which time he attended a night school conducted by the Young Men's Christian Association, in what was known as Holden's building (afterwards the Merchants' National Bank building), at the corner of Third



*J. V. Willinger*



and Pine streets. He was later employed in a grocery store for about three years, and in the winter of 1872 attended the Commercial College of Davis & Oplinger, in what was known as the Shultz building.

Beginning with the spring of 1872, he served a three years' apprenticeship with the firm of Hays & Philips, and while there acquired a thorough knowledge of the tin, sheet-iron and copper-smithing trade. His term of service having expired, he was employed as a journeyman until the first of March, 1884, when the firm of Villinger and Dunn was formed for the conduct of a plumbing, tin and stove business, in the Shultz building. Mr. Villinger continued in this business for nine months, when his partner disposed of his interest, and he conducted the business alone at the same stand until 1886, when failing health compelled him to retire from active life for a time. In 1889, three years later, Mr. Villinger entered into the plumbing, gas and steam-fitting business with his brother, Harry H. Villinger, conducting the same on West street, in the Metropolitan block, and then 324 West Third street, and then in 1895 to his present location at 46 West Fourth street, and continued in this occupation with success, until the death of his brother in 1898, and since then has conducted the business alone at No. 46 West Fourth street.

Mr. Villinger is an unmarried man, and in religious matters affiliates with the Lutheran church, is independent in politics and a member of the Heptasophs.

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#### JOHN BALL.

John Ball, owner of the Scott farm on Loyalsock Creek, is the son of Peter and Jane (Brierden) Ball. Peter Ball was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, but realizing that the opportunities for a successful business career were greater in the new world than in the old he emigrated

here upon attaining manhood. He first settled at Ralston, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, but after a residence of one year there removed to Blossburg, where he resided nine years. He then moved to Trout Run, remaining one year. The following two years and a half he resided at Hoagland's Run, from whence he removed to Blooming Grove, remaining there two years, then located at Williamsport, and after a residence of three years removed to Loyalsock, where he resided five years. The following two and a half years were spent in Black Hole Valley, after which he removed to Muncy Creek, where he had resided six years at the time of his death, February 15, 1881. He was a blacksmith by trade, and by close application to this line of work was enabled to provide a comfortable home for his family. He was a consistent member of the Catholic church, and a Democrat in politics. He was united in marriage to Jane Brierden, who bore him seven children: Margaret Ann, who became the wife of Edward Bower; John, mentioned at length hereinafter; Mary A.; Sarah J., who became the wife of Seely Hetherland; Eliza Jane; Peter; and Rebecca, who became the wife of George Rentz.

John Ball, son of Peter and Jane (Brierden) Ball, was born in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1852. He was educated in the township schools and at the graded schools of the borough of Montgomery. When seventeen years of age he was employed by the Misses Scott to manage their farm in Fairfield township, and so faithfully and conscientiously were his duties performed that he was retained in their employ for the long period of nineteen years and eight months. Since then he has continued the management of a farm on a large scale, and has achieved a large amount of success as the result of his patient and persevering labor, this, notwithstanding the fact that he served no apprenticeship to the occupation of farming. Mr. Ball came into the ownership of what is known as the Scott farm through the will of the Scott

sisters, whom he had served so faithfully. Mary and Sarah Scott were the daughters of Amos Scott and died unmarried. They were of Scotch-Irish descent and their ancestors were prominent in the early Pennsylvania settlements, the Scott homestead having been in the family for at least one hundred years. In 1886 Mr. Ball married Mary Magdalene Winters, daughter of John and Christiana (Schambacher) Winters. Mr. Winters' ancestors came from Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and were connections of the Lincoln family, who were the ancestors of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Ball and his wife are the parents of four children: Sarah, born April 25, 1889, died January 8, 1892; Ruth C., born March 11, 1891; a son who was born January 4, 1894, and who died January 6, 1894; and Violet, born March 4, 1898. Mr. Ball is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and is a strong advocate of prohibition, for which party he casts his vote. He has frequently acted as delegate to state and county conventions, but has always consistently refused to hold office, although often urged to accept the candidacy. The family hold membership in the Fairview Methodist Episcopal church, in which Mr. Ball acts as trustee and steward.

Mr. Ball also was one of the organizers and promoters of the Loyalsock Telephone Company. He is a member of the Board of Directors of said corporation and his sound judgment and business ability are recognized as valuable in the administration of the company's growing field of usefulness.

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#### WILLIAM C. EBNER.

William C. Ebner, actively and prominently identified with the varied interests of Montoursville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, commercial, financial, political and social, was born October 3, 1833, in the vicinity of Danville, Montour county, Pennsylvania, the eldest son of



John and Mary B. (Bennett) Ebner, whose family consisted of four other children, as follows: Mary, John, Charles and George. During the early part of the life of John Ebner (father) he resided in Easton, Pennsylvania, from whence he removed to Reading, but after a short residence there located in the neighborhood of Danville, and in 1840 came to Lycoming county, settling at Hayes Mills.

William C. Ebner obtained a practical education, which prepared him for the activities of life, at the common schools adjacent to his home. His business career was devoted to mercantile pursuits, in which he was highly successful, acquiring a competence which enabled him to retire from active duties and responsibilities, and to spend his days in comfort and ease, this being the fitting sequel to a life of toil. He is the promoter of the Montoursville Electric Railroad, which adds so materially to the growth and development of that section of the county. The esteem in which he is held by his fellow-citizens is evidenced by the fact that he served as commissioner of the county, and president of the town council. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and has been affiliated with the Masonic fraternity for the long period of forty-four years.

Mr. Ebner was united in marriage, March 3, 1870, to Mary A. Lundy, who was born October 3, 1833, a daughter of Ellis Lundy, and three children were the issue of this union: Jennie R., born July 6, 1871, became the wife of Dr. Harry Berger, of Muncy, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of one child, Blanche Berger; John E., born May 15, 1874, in Montoursville, married Myrtle Young, and now resides in Williamsport; Mary W., born July 4, 1877, in Montoursville, is a teacher in the public school, and resides at home with her parents. The family enjoy the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends, who esteem them at their true worth.

## DANIEL EGLY.

Among the practical and progressive agriculturists of Montoursville who have achieved a large degree of prosperity as the result of their reliable methods and honorable business transactions may be mentioned the name of Daniel Egly, a son of Jacob and Catherine Egly, whose birth occurred in Fairfield township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1844.

His boyhood and early manhood days were spent in assisting with the various duties on the homestead, and he pursued his studies in the common schools of the neighborhood. He followed the occupation of boating for two seasons, but upon abandoning that line of work turned his attention to farming, continuing up to the present time (1904). His products are of a superior quality and therefore find a ready sale in the nearby markets, and the whole appearance of his property, including his residence and out-buildings, testify to the labor bestowed upon it. Mr. Egly has served his township in the capacity of school director. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Egly married, January 16, 1867, Sarah E. Snyder, who was born in Muncy Creek township, July 3, 1847, daughter of Jacob Elijah Snyder, who, after the death of his father in Germany, left his native land for the new world, accompanied by his mother, one brother and one sister. Ten children were the issue of this union, one of whom is deceased; the surviving members of the family are as follows: William E., born October 17, 1867, was married to Mary Entz, and they reside on John Ball's farm in Fairfield township. George E., born August 26, 1869, was married to Jennie Neff, and their children are: Ethel, Roy, Edith and Marion; they reside in Muncy. Henry, born April 30, 1872, unmarried, is a carpenter by trade, and resides in Pittsburg. James B.,

born June 17, 1875, unmarried, and resides in Pennsdale. Foster, born November 16, 1877, was married to Minnie Smith, and their children are: Rolland, Edna and Donald. Lizzie, born September 17, 1878, became the wife of William Pewterbaush, and they are the parents of one child, Harry. Lydia B., born June 12, 1884, became the wife of Chester McConnel. Robert C., born March 5, 1886. Addie May, born September 13, 1887.

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#### HENRY STRATTON COLE.

Henry Stratton Cole, a venerable and respected resident of Montoursville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born in White Deer township, same county, January 12, 1838. His father was born June 1, 1810.

Henry S. Cole resided in the neighborhood of his birthplace until he was five years of age, at which time his parents removed to Warrenville, Lycoming county, where he obtained excellent educational advantages in the common schools, and subsequently served an apprenticeship at the trade of shoemaker, which line of work he followed throughout the active years of his business career. By industry, perseverance and close application he provided a comfortable home for his family, and his daily walk and conversation was such as to win and retain the confidence and good will of all who came in contact with him.

Mr. Cole married, June 15, 1867, Mary Abigail Bennet, who was born in Fairfield township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1847, educated in Dickinson Seminary, and became the mother of nine children, all of whom are living at the present time (1904). George Bennet, father of Mrs. Cole, was born December 25, 1813, in Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, residing there until he reached early manhood

years, when he removed to Fairfield township, Lycoming county, making his home there for the remainder of his life. On February 2, 1844, he married Martha Strebeigh, who was born June 26, 1822. Their children are: Mary Abigail, John A., Agnes J., Daniel S., Bessie and George.

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HERVEY ELSE.

Hervey Else, whose business career has been one of marked enterprise, wherein his reliable methods have contributed in large measure to his prosperity, is a native of the town in which he now resides, Montoursville, Pennsylvania, having been born December 25, 1853, a son of Hervey Else.

After completing a common school education he started out to gain his own livelihood, and at once secured employment in a butchering business, thereby gaining a thorough and practical knowledge of the details of the various branches, which enabled him in later years to engage in business on his own account. He is now the proprietor of a meat market in Montoursville, which is well stocked with the best quality of meat and poultry, and by his courteous consideration of the wants and needs of his customers has gained an enviable reputation and secured a liberal patronage. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, casts his vote with the Republican party, and is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Mr. Else married Frances Snyder, who was born February 26, 1856, a daughter of George W. and Mary J. Snyder. Their children are: Della W., born September 26, 1869, died March 19, 1872. Flora F., born January 23, 1872, died April 12, 1872. Jennie F., born November 17, 1873, became the wife of Dewitt F. Beach, and has one child, Lillian

May Beach. Elizabeth N., born November 18, 1874, became the wife of Thomas B. Weaver, and they are the parents of one child, Addis Leroy Weaver. Sylverus, born December 23, 1876, unmarried, resides at home. Harry A., born April 14, 1879, married Mamie Moon, and one child has been born to them, Edna Marion Else. Edna B., born March 26, 1888, resides at home with her parents.

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HENRY TALLMAN.

Henry Tallman, who for many years prior to his death, March 10, 1896, was actively identified with the agricultural interest of Fairfield township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he was recognized as an upright, honorable man, his word being as good as his bond, was a native of Loyalsock township, Lycoming county, a son of Gideon and Julia Ann Tallman, the date of his birth having been September 6, 1837.

He obtained his education in the common schools adjacent to his home, attending the same during the winter months, the remainder of the year being devoted to work on the homestead. When old enough to earn a livelihood for himself he secured employment in the boating business, continuing thus for several years, and subsequently he gave his attention exclusively to farming, conducting his operations on a large tract of land which he purchased in Fairfield township, and which he left to his wife at his decease, upon which she now resides. His land being under a high state of cultivation his products were of a superior quality and were readily disposed of at advantageous prices.

On March 21, 1865, Mr. Tallman was united in marriage to Ellen Moyer, fourth daughter of Michael and Maria (Hock) Moyer, residents of Fairfield township. They were the parents of three sons, namely: William H., born June 9, 1868, died October 9, 1880, aged twelve years;

George M., born October 22, 1874, married Addie Swartz, who was born October 31, 1877, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Swartz, and their children are: Anna T., born November 3, 1897; Mary W., born September 1, 1899, and Dorothy H., born June 3, 1901. Nathaniel C., born September 3, 1876, is deceased.

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A. S. TALLMAN.

A. S. Tallman, an enterprising and public-spirited citizen of Muncy, Pennsylvania, was born in Loyalsock township, May 12, 1830, a son of Daniel and Hannah (Clayton) Tallman, who were the parents of the following named children: Eliza, Jeremiah, Hannah, Clayton, Selina, William, Amos and Amanda. Daniel Tallman (father) was a native of Williamsport, and during his entire lifetime resided in Lycoming county.

The boyhood days of A. S. Tallman were spent in the same manner as the majority of boys reared on a farm—attending the district school during the winter months, and assisting with the manifold duties of the homestead during the remainder of the year. He resided in his native township until his removal to Muncy, where by his genial and pleasant disposition he has won the esteem and confidence of the community. He is a farmer by occupation, and has accumulated a comfortable competence through his extensive operations. He is a Republican in politics.

On February 24, 1853, Mr. Tallman married Marie Fahrenbach, and they have resided in the same house in Muncy for the long period of forty years. The following named children were born to them: Martin F., January 27, 1854, who resides in Fairfield township; he married Charlotte Edwards, and their children are: George G., Frank A., Mary,



Paul, Eleanor, William E., and Harriet. Hannah, born April 14, 1855, unmarried, resides with her parents. Thomas C., born February 17, 1857, married Almeda Hill, and their children are: Charles J., James W. and Ida May; the family reside in Muncy, and Mr. Tallman is successfully engaged in the livery business. Amos R., born June 1, 1869, died August 11, 1897; he was married to Mary A. Lusher, who bore him two children: Virginia and Walter Thorn.

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#### HENRY W. PETRIKIN.

The Petrikin family, worthily represented in the present generation by Henry W. Petrikin, a leading citizen of Montoursville, Pennsylvania, is one whose history has been closely identified with that of the township of Muncy and vicinity, as has also the Brindle family.

Henry Brindle and Susanna Hildebrand were married in 1773, and among their children was a son John, who was one of the early merchants of Muncy, and who also served as postmaster from July 1, 1814, to March 31, 1817. For a number of years he conducted the mercantile business alone, and later entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, Henry Fahnestock. He was united in marriage to Margaret Montgomery, daughter of John Montgomery, and their children were: Ellen and William Brindle. The death of John Brindle occurred December 1, 1819.

William Alexander Petrikin, father of Henry W. Petrikin, came to Muncy when quite a young man and succeeded in establishing himself in business. Although he labored under the disadvantages of a limited education, he became one of the most intelligent and well-read men of his day, and his library held books of the choicest literature. He took an active interest in educational affairs, and it was principally through

his instrumentality that the Muncy Female Seminary was established in 1840, an institution that was an honor to the town. He was also one of the originators of the Lycoming Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and was its first secretary. For a period of eighteen years he served as postmaster of Muncy, his term of office extending from March 22, 1822, to December 31, 1841, and he was twice a candidate for congressional honors, but was defeated through party dissension. He was a Democrat in politics. On July 4, 1842, he was appointed major general of the Ninth Division, Pennsylvania Militia.

By his marriage to Margaret Brindle, widow of John Brindle, aforementioned, the following named children were born: Elizabeth, who became the wife of Adolphus D. Wilson, and died in Williamsport. Hon. J. M. B., deceased. R. Bruce, a resident of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. Margaret M., widow of Charles Dunning. Hon. Henry W., of Montoursville, whose name heads this sketch. Jeanette C., who became the wife of the Rev. Stewart Mitchell, D. D.



#### FRANK H. McCORMICK.

Frank Hammond McCormick, prominent in the business life of Williamsport, and active in all community affairs, is a representative of a family which has been conspicuous in the history of Pennsylvania from the early colonial days. The present generation has preserved in marked degree its racial traits of industry and energy, and all its members occupy honorable and useful places in life.

Hugh and Thomas McCormick, from whom the McCormicks of Pennsylvania trace their descent, were natives of Ireland. The first named of these brothers was born in the province of Ulster, about 1695. He married, and to him were born four children—John, James, Samuel

and Hugh. About 1735 he and his brother Thomas, with their families, emigrated to America, and settled in what is now Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. Hugh, Jr., youngest son of Hugh the emigrant, was ten years old when his parents brought him to this country. About 1770 he bought some thirteen hundred acres of land in White Deer Valley, and for the times was regarded as a man of wealth. He married Sarah, daughter of James and Mary Alcorn, of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and to them were born nine children. Of these, Seth was born in 1756, in Paxtang township, in what was then Lancaster county, and settled upon a part of his father's estate. He married Margaret, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Plunket) Simmons, of Buffalo Valley; she was a niece of Dr. Plunkett, whose name is prominent in the early history of Northumberland county. Of this marriage were born ten children. Seth, fourth child of Seth and Margaret (Simmons) McCormick, was born in 1789, and died at the early age of thirty-two years. He married Hannah Hammond.

Seth Thomas, second son of Seth and Hannah (Hammond) McCormick, was born in Washington township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1817. He was a farmer and lumberman in early life. In 1861, at the age of forty-four years, he determined to study law, and removed with his family to Williamsport, where he entered the office of W. W. Willard. In 1863 he was admitted to the bar, and built up an important and lucrative practice. After a few years he associated with himself his son, Henry Clay McCormick, thus founding the well known and highly capable firm of S. T. and H. C. McCormick. The senior McCormick was recognized as one of the strongest characters of his day, and left an indelible impression upon the community. He was compiler of the book of the charter and laws of the city of Williamsport, and he drafted nearly every ordinance of the city. He was

repeatedly elected to the city council, and during the period of his service strenuously contended for honest and efficient municipal government, and compelled a strict economy and accountability in city affairs. He died December 1, 1878, leaving behind him the record of a most honorable and useful life, and a most unique career which affords an exceptional example of the capability of a man well advanced in years diverting his energies into a new channel and achieving most successful results. He married, in 1837, Miss Eleanor Miller, who died May 27, 1897, having survived her husband nearly a score of years. They were the parents of eight children: 1. Sarah Elizabeth, born in 1839, who became the wife of William D. Oakes. 2. Hannah, born in 1841, and died at the age of six years. 3. Henry Clay, born in 1844, who became law partner of his father, and is now deceased. 4. William Miller, born in 1846. 5. Horace Greeley, born in 1850, who became a prominent physician and publicist. 6. Hannah, born in 1853, who became the wife of Thomas L. Painter. 7. Frank Hammond, to be further referred to hereinafter. 8. Seth Thomas, born in 1860, who is a practicing lawyer.

Frank H. McCormick, son of Seth T. and Eleanor (Miller) McCormick, was born in Washington township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1857. When he was four years old his parents removed to Williamsport, and he was there reared and received his education in the public schools. He then entered upon the study of law in the office of his father, and after the death of the parent continued with his brother. He was admitted to the bar in May, 1880, and practiced for five years in association with his brothers, Henry Clay and Seth Thomas McCormick. After a time he determined to give his attention to commercial pursuits, and June 1, 1885, he engaged in the fire insurance business as a member of the firm of Campbell & McCor-

mick. In 1888 Mr. Campbell withdrew, and Mr. McCormick founded a partnership with Carl Herdic, under the firm name of McCormick & Herdic, for the transaction of an insurance and real estate business, in the Trust Building. In 1895 Mr. McCormick organized the Diamond Wall Cement Company, of which he became president. In 1900 was organized the Lycoming Calcining Company, of which Mr. McCormick became secretary and treasurer. The main offices of this large corporation are in the Weightman block, in Williamsport. Such are the interests which have engaged the attention of Mr. McCormick since his retirement from law, and they are numbered among the most important of the many enterprises which go to make up the commercial life of the city. Mr. McCormick at the same time renders a loyal support to every measure calculated to promote the interests of the community, and is a foremost figure in every worthy public cause. In politics he is a Democrat of the old school, standing for an unimpeachable and stable monetary system. He is a prominent member of the Ross Club, the Halecka Club and the Country Club. He is a man of broad intelligence, and has traveled extensively. During the past year (1904) he made a tour of Great Britain and the continent.

May 16, 1883, Mr. McCormick married Miss Marietta Culver, who was born in Williamsport, a daughter of Eber Culver, an old and honored resident of the city, and of English and Dutch extraction. To Mr. and Mrs. McCormick were born two children; Fred Culver, who is a student in Princeton University, class of 1907; and Eleanor, who is a student in an academy in Irvington, New York. The family are members of the Third Presbyterian church of Williamsport.

## HYMAN H. APP.

Hyman H. App, the local agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York City for Muncy and vicinity, will form the subject of this notice. He was born September 6, 1851, in Clinton township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, on his father's farm. Of his progenitors it may be said that the father was John App, a native of the same township in which the subject was born. He was a farmer throughout the active years of his career. His wife, Elizabeth (Hess) App, bore him the following children: Caroline, married John W. Heilman; she died in March, 1902; Edward; Hyman H., subject; and Emma, died young. The father was a staunch Democrat, and in religious faith a Lutheran. He held a prominent place in his community and held numerous local offices. Both he and his wife are buried in the Lutheran burying ground, near the Brick Church in Clinton township.

The grandfather of the subject was Frederick App, who was among the early settlers of Lycoming county. He purchased a large tract of land in the dense forest, and by the endurance of great hardship and much toil succeeded in "clearing up" a valuable farm, which he later divided equally between his children. He married Eve Wertman, by whom were born five children: Mathias, John, Frederick, Elizabeth and Caroline. Frederick and Elizabeth still survive. Caroline married Joseph Heilman; she died in 1905, aged eighty-two years. Elizabeth resides in the borough of Muncy, aged ninety-two years, still possessing all her natural faculties. She is an interesting character in the community in which she has passed nearly a century. She converses better than the majority of persons not half so aged. She has been a woman of much care and toil and a keen observer of passing events. She now notes with great interest to the present generation, in accurate statements, full of



intelligent expression, the great progress made in manners, customs and mechanical improvements, including the change from harvesting with the cradle to that of the present twine self-binder. She emphasizes the fact that when a young married lady she used to cook for twenty odd harvest hands who gathered in the harvest by the use of a cradle, during several weeks each harvest time. She also recounts the number and different kinds of animals cooked and consumed by these harvest hands. This she contrasts with the four horses and two or three men working but a few days securing the grain harvested from the same land. She married Philip Heilaman.

Hyman H. App, the subject, was reared on his father's farm and in the borough of Muncy. His father died in 1857, when less than thirty-eight years of age, at which date Hyman H. was just six years old. Being an orphan, he was tenderly cared for and educated under the direction of his aunt, Elizabeth Heilaman, of Muncy, referred to in the foregoing paragraph. After leaving the common schools he attended Selinsgrove Seminary at Snyder, Pennsylvania, a short time, entering in 1867. He then taught school two terms at Jamestown and Clintonville, Pennsylvania. Desiring to embark in business for himself, he chose that of a furniture dealer, locating at Muncy in 1870, but finally sold his store. He then engaged in railroading on the Pennsylvania Railroad, which he followed for eight years, being connected with the passenger service, including baggage master. After resigning this position he was made local agent for the Adams Express Company at Muncy, which position he held four years. He also delivered freight from the Pennsylvania depot to the borough of Muncy in conjunction with his express business. He then engaged in general teaming and the excavating of stone, contract work, until 1903, when he was appointed the agent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company of New York

City, which business he still follows successfully. Mr. App has been a man of strict integrity in all his transactions among men, and bears the good will of the community in which he was born, reared and always resided. In politics he is a Democrat. He was reared in the Lutheran faith. From 1898 to 1904 he was assessor for Muncy Creek township and from 1900 to 1904 school director.

Mr. App was twice married. First, in 1879, to Mary A. Robbins, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Robbins, of Muncy. By this union were born two sons: George Raymond, January 23, 1880, who is a mail clerk running between New York and Washington, D. C. He married Anna Jennette Wolfe, of Slate Run, Pennsylvania, and they are the parents of a daughter, Mary Rosabelle, born December 28, 1904. Charles Scott, born October 24, 1881, now chief clerk for the resident engineers of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway, at Tamaqua, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Mary A. (Robbins) App died in October, 1888. For his second wife Mr. App married Amanda E., daughter of Francis E. and Sarah E. Sheffer, of Muncy Creek township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. The date of their marriage was July 10, 1889.

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#### JOSEPH SEAGAR.

Joseph Seagar, who was actively identified with the agricultural interests of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, where he resided during his entire lifetime, was born July 16, 1825, a son of Christian and Mary M. (Newhart) Seagar, the former named having come to this section of the state from Lehigh county, and his father, a native of Germany, accompanied by his wife, came to this country at an early date.

Joseph Seagar obtained a common school education, laying aside his books at the age of seventeen years, and from then up to the time of

his death his entire time and attention was devoted to farming, which has proved a most successful and remunerative occupation. He held membership in the Lutheran church, and his political support was given to the Democratic party, with whom he cast his vote since attaining his majority.

In 1851 Mr. Seagar was united in marriage to Elizabeth Hartranft, who was born November 5, 1823, daughter of Ambrose Hartranft, a native of Philadelphia, who resided during the greater part of his life in the north, where he followed farming, and his father was one of three brothers who came from Germany, having been banished from his native country on account of his religion, that of the Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Seagar commenced housekeeping in a house purchased by Mr. Seagar, Sr., now occupied by Ambrose Henderson, and their children are: George C., born September 9, 1852, married Josephine E. Bubb, no issue; he is a member of the medical profession and resides in Montoursville, Pennsylvania. Mary A., born July 13, 1854, became the wife of Samuel Opp, and their children are: Elizabeth, Helen, Florence and George Seagar Opp; the family reside in Williamsport and Mr. Opp is employed in the brick yard. Rebecca C., born August 11, 1856, became the wife of O. E. Bender, and their children are: Joseph P., born December 30, 1894; O. E., born October 23, 1897; and Lawrence W., born November 18, 1900; the family reside in Montgomery.

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JOHN J. MILLER.

Among the leading and representative business men of Montgomery, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, may be mentioned the name of John J. Miller, who takes an active interest in the growth and progress of the community in which he resides, aiding materially every worthy

enterprise. His birth occurred in Selinsgrove, Snyder county, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1850, a son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Bowers) Miller, whose family consisted of six other children, namely: Jacob; George W., deceased; Josephine, wife of Edward Closier, mother of four children, and their home is in Columbia county, Pennsylvania; William B., a resident of Hazleton, married Jennie Coole, and they are the parents of two children; Samuel F., a resident of Philadelphia, married Emma Roser, and one child has been born to them; and Benjamin F., a resident of Williamsport, who married for his first wife Edna Correll, who bore him three children, and for his second wife, Grace Hill, who bore him one child.

The educational advantages enjoyed by John J. Miller were obtained in the common schools of the neighborhood, which he attended until fourteen years of age. He then secured employment in a saw-mill, remaining five and a half years, and at the expiration of this period of time took up his residence in Montgomery, Lycoming county, where he engaged in the planing mill business, which he has followed up to the present time (1905). He has been a Democrat since attaining his majority, and takes an active interest in the measures and successes of his party.

Mr. Miller married Christina Groff, who was born in Montgomery, Pennsylvania, May 18, 1852, daughter of Samuel and Fannie (Waltman) Groff, whose family consisted of three other children, all of whom are living at the present time (1905), namely: Sarah, Mary and Emma Groff. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Miller are as follows: Mary Esther, born September 9, 1876, and Bertha Mary, born May 23, 1879. Mary Esther became the wife of Edward Burley, who is engaged in the planing mill business, no issue. Bertha May became the wife of Hurly B. Heller, of Tamaqua, a machinist, no issue.

## SAMUEL P. WALLIS.

Samuel P. Wallis was born in Lycoming county, near Hughesville, Pennsylvania, April 25, 1838, the son of Samuel and Mary Wallis. In early life Mr. Wallis acquired a common school education. In religious matters he is connected with the Baptist church. In political affairs he affiliates with the Republican party.

He was married to Miss Margaret Kahler, daughter of Samuel and Hattie Kahler. She was born August 9, 1838. The following children were born of this union: Clark, in 1860, married Miss Gaunt, and they have seven children, three daughters and four sons; Ralph, born October 7, 1866, married Miss Satella Smith, and they have two boys and one daughter; Evlyna, born July 8, 1880. She is married to Charles Redeker, and they have two daughters.

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CLINTON BURKHOLDER.

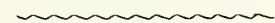
Clinton Burkholder, merchant, was born in Pennsylvania township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1857. His education was received in the common schools of Lycoming county. In the earlier part of his life Mr. Burkholder followed the lumbering business, but is now engaged in storekeeping, and also conducts a hotel. For the last four years he has held the office of postmaster, which position he has most successfully filled.

In religious matters Mr. Burkholder is a Lutheran, and politically he affiliates with the Republican party, and has worked hard toward advancing the interests of the party.

He was united in marriage with Miss Henrietta Forney, born April 11, 1868, daughter of William and Anna Forney, and the following



children were born to them: William Henry, June 6, 1887; Bradey Wilson, October 4, 1889. Mrs. Burkholder's parents were old settlers of Pennsylvania township, and her mother still resides on the old homestead. Her father died some years ago. Henry, the father of Henry, Jr., was born September 8, 1815, and died May 9, 1873. His mother, Sarah, was born January 13, 1820. Mrs. Burkholder's grandmother was born April 26, 1774.



#### LEWIS TALLMAN.

Lewis Tallman, one of the venerable and honored citizens of Montoursville, whose active career has been devoted to the quiet but useful calling of agriculture, from which he accumulated a sufficient competence to enable him to spend his declining years in peace and comfort, is a native of Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, born January 1, 1823, a son of James and Olive (Bailey) Tallman.

He was reared in Eldred township, obtained a good English education in the schools of the same, and after laying aside his books turned his attention to farming as a means of livelihood. Immediately after his marriage he located on a farm on the Delaware river, near Philadelphia, which he cultivated and operated, remaining thereon for ten years. In 1859 he removed to Fairfield township, Lycoming county, where he purchased a farm of one hundred and eighty-two acres of rich and arable land, upon which he has resided up to the present time (1904). By dint of hard and unceasing work he has placed his farm under a high state of cultivation, and the neat and thrifty appearance of the premises indicates the supervision of a master hand. He has been the incumbent of the offices of school director, tax collector and assessor of Fairfield township, and every enterprise calculated to benefit the com-



munity has found in him a willing advocate. He is a Republican in politics. He was one of the organizers of Fairfield Grange, of which he is a member.

On January 7, 1849, Mr. Tallman married Emeline P. Hall, who was born November 1, 1824, died August 22, 1891, a daughter of Jacob Hall. Their children were: Richard D., born December 1, 1849; Jacob, December 3, 1850; James, March 26, 1852; Charles, July 15, 1853; Emma L., September 12, 1854; Lewis, December 17, 1855; Elias D. H., December 20, 1857; Ellis, February 3, 1859; Mary D., July 4, 1860; Herman D., September 3, 1861; William B., January 24, 1863; Samuel D., July 25, 1864; and George, August 31, 1866.

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#### JOHN C. LITTLELY.

John C. Littlely, a well-known and highly respected resident of Jersey Shore, was born in Montoursville, Pennsylvania, in 1856, son of James and Sarah (Carpenter) Littlely. His father, who was born in England, is the only male survivor of a family of seven children, and the only member of it to emigrate. There are two sisters still living in England.

In 1850 James Littlely came to the United States, and settling in Montoursville followed the bricklayer's trade there for many years. He is still residing in Montoursville. His wife, Sarah (Carpenter) Littlely, who is yet living, was the mother of six children, namely: John C., Joseph G., Anna E., Fanny E., Jesse B. and Samuel J. Anna E. is the wife of W. F. Kunkle. Fanny E. is the wife of J. M. English. Mr. and Mrs. James Littlely celebrated their golden wedding on August 16, 1905.

John C. Littlely acquired his education in the public schools and at the Montoursville Normal School. After the completion of his studies

he served an apprenticeship at the bricklayer's trade under the direction of his father, and was subsequently employed as a journeyman in his native township for a number of years. About the year 1890 he moved to Williamsport, where he followed his trade some five years, and in 1895 he purchased a farm in Piatt township, in the immediate vicinity of Jersey Shore, where he has ever since resided. For the past ten years he has divided his time between farming and bricklaying. In politics he acts with the Democratic party. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian church.

On May 20, 1885, Mr. Littley was united in marriage with Miss Ardella Robinson, daughter of James and Martha (Missimer) Robinson, of Linden, Pennsylvania, both of whom were born in this county. Mrs. Littley's paternal grandfather, John Robinson, was born in America, of Irish parents. Her father, who is now over eighty-four years old, is a well-known and highly esteemed resident of Linden. Her mother died in 1903. James and Martha (Missimer) Robinson were the parents of ten children, eight of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Littley have one son, J. Clement Littley.



#### EDGAR RAYMOND KIESS.

Edgar Raymond Kiess, prominently identified with the business, social and political interests of Lycoming county, is a native thereof, born in Warrensville, Eldred township, August 26, 1875.

Mr. Kiess comes of an honorable German ancestry. His paternal grandfather, Christopher Kiess, was one of that little band of religious exiles who came to America in 1806 and settled in "Blooming Grove," Lycoming county. He received a liberal education in his native land and was a weaver by trade. After settling in Lycoming county he cleared a

farm and also did weaving for the pioneer settlers, and for many years taught a German school. He was a member of the Dunkard church, and was active in religious work. Before leaving Germany he married Christina Sheets: four children were born to them before their emigration, and seven others after their coming.

Emanuel, youngest son of Christopher and Christina (Sheets) Kiess, was born on the homestead in Lycoming county, in 1818, and resided there until his death. During the Mexican war he served in the militia with the rank of first lieutenant.

Samuel S. Kiess, son of Emanuel Kiess, was born in Eldred township December 23, 1844. He is a carriage maker by occupation. He married Annie Winner, who was born October 27, 1850, in Loyalsock township, Lycoming county. She was descended from English Quakers. Her parents were Enoch and Mary (Collins) Winner. Her father, son of Abraham Winner, was born in Hepburn township, Lycoming county, in 1823, and made his residence in Loyalsock township. He learned the trade of carpenter. During the Civil war he was in active military service for three years. The children of Samuel S. and Annie (Winner) Kiess were Edgar Raymond, to be further spoken of, and Murray, born in 1890.

Edgar Raymond Kiess began his education in the public schools, from which he entered the Lycoming County Normal School, and graduated therefrom with honors in 1892 at the early age of seventeen years. For two years he was a teacher in the public schools, serving efficiently and creditably. He then accepted a position with the Eagles Mere Railroad, and in 1895 was made auditor of the company, meantime taking up his residence in the borough of Hughesville, where he has since resided, at once becoming actively identified with its business and social life. In 1898 he assumed the management of the Eagles Mere Chautau-

qua at Eagles Mere, Pennsylvania, of which he has made a pronounced success; and, in connection with it, he has also successfully managed The Forest Inn, a large summer hotel. At Hughesville he is a member of the general insurance firm of Kiess & Emery, and is president of the Hughesville Printing Company, publishers of an excellent local newspaper, "The Independent." In addition to his business interests he has always taken an earnest and intelligent part in the advancement of the higher interests of the community. He is vice-president of the Muncy Valley Farmers' Club, and a useful member of various of its most important committees. He is a regular attendant of the Methodist Episcopal church of Hughesville, and has been for a number of years a sustaining member of the Young Men's Christian Association of Williamsport. He has always taken a deep interest in fraternal affairs. He became an Odd Fellow so soon as he had arrived at the age which would permit him to become a member, and is connected with Hughesville Lodge, No. 331. He is affiliated with all the higher Masonic bodies, and is a member of Muncy Lodge, No. 299, Free and Accepted Masons; Baldwin II Commandery, Knights Templar, of Williamsport; Williamsport Consistory, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite (thirty-second degree); of the Howard Club of Knights Templar, and of Irem Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Wilkesbarre. He is also a member of several years' standing of Washington Camp, No. 158, Patriotic Order Sons of America at Hughesville.

Mr. Kiess has always been an ardent Republican, bearing an active part in political affairs, and has served as delegate to county and state conventions of his party. In 1904 he was elected to the legislature from Lycoming county, and his firm hold upon the esteem and confidence of the people is eloquently attested by the fact that he received a plurality of 1,174 votes, while the county is normally Democratic by a plurality of

about one thousand. The handsome vote which he received was accorded him out of recognition of his sterling integrity, wide business experience, thorough knowledge of the needs and wishes of the people, both of the farm and town; his sustained interest in education, and his tireless energy and demonstrated ability to accomplish the purposes which commend themselves to him as being in the interests of the entire people. Mr. Kiess is unmarried.

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#### WILLIAM EMERY.

William Emery was born in Flemington, New Jersey, August 12, 1844, a son of William P. Emery, who was a native of Hunterdon county, New Jersey, and whose father was one of the early settlers of that locality. The Emery family are of German extraction.

William Emery, of this review, grew to manhood in Flemington, New Jersey, and about 1867 came to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he has since resided.

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#### SAMUEL L. YOUNGMAN.

The ancestors of the Youngman family were natives of the Rhein provinces, from whence they emigrated to the new world, locating for a time in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and later, at the instance of the Penns, they settled on what is known as the Falkner claim of the Penn lands in Montgomery county, same state.

Elias P. Youngman, grandfather of Samuel L. Youngman, upon attaining young manhood moved to Nippenose township, took charge of the grist mill and farm of Colonel Antes, his father-in-law, and later removed to the farm and fulling mill on Antes creek, now the site of the Nippenose woolen mills. In 1838 he was appointed by Governor



D. R. Porter, register and recorder of Lycoming county, and after the adoption of the constitution was the first man elected to that office. He was united in marriage to Amelia Antes, daughter of John Henry Antes, a son of Colonel John Henry Antes, who erected Antes Fort, near the mouth of Nippenose creek, and served in the Revolutionary war. Henry Antes, the pioneer ancestor of the Antes family, a native of Holland, erected a grist mill on Swamp creek, Pennsylvania, the proceeds of which, together with the income from his farm, he dedicated to the support of the Moravian school, for which he employed as teachers John G. Youngman and Anna, his wife. This school was one of the first if not the first Moravian school in Pennsylvania, and it increased so rapidly in membership that Mr. Antes, as agent for the Moravian brethren, purchased land on which the school of Bethlehem was established and superintended the erection of their buildings, etc. The death of Elias P. Youngman occurred at his residence in Nippenose township, August 30, 1864.

George W. Youngman, father of Samuel L. Youngman, was born in Youngmanstown, now Mifflinburg, Union county, Pennsylvania, June 30, 1819, the eldest son of a family of thirteen children. During his father's incumbency of the office of register and recorder of Lycoming county, George W. was appointed deputy recorder, and while serving in that capacity he attended the Latin school conducted by the Rev. J. P. Hudson and read law with Hon. Anson V. Parsons. After passing a successful examination he was admitted to the bar in August, 1842, and shortly afterward was appointed county attorney, and served three years in that office. His experience in the orphan's court, and in recording and investigating land titles, together with his knowledge of the German language, rapidly brought him a lucrative business. In 1844 he purchased the property now known as Youngman's Block, on Pine street,



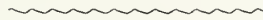
Williamsport, and thirteen years later erected the present brick building, which has since borne his name. In 1857 he purchased a farm of two hundred acres situated west of Lycoming creek, and laid out about forty acres in town lots, known as Youngman's addition to the Seventh ward. In 1864, after the demise of his father, he purchased the shares of his brothers and sisters in the homestead property on Antes creek, erected a saw mill thereon, and organized a company which erected the Nippenose woolen mills at an expense of about one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Until the dissolution of the company after the panic of 1873, Mr. Youngman was the principal stockholder and served in the capacity of president. He then purchased the entire property, retired from its active management, and afterwards leased the mill. He was also one of the original stockholders of the Williamsport Bridge Company, of the Williamsport Water Company, and was instrumental in the organization of the Wildwood Cemetery Association and in the purchase of the land and laying out of the grounds, the name "Wildwood" being adopted at his suggestion. He was the incumbent of several local offices, among them being school director, which he filled acceptably for six years. He organized the Society of the Independent Order of Good Templars, and passed through the several grades of that society.

On March 26, 1844, George W. Youngman was married to Ann E. Ludwig, daughter of Samuel Ludwig, of New Columbia, below White Deer Station, Lycoming county. Their children are: Alonzo P., Samuel L., George W., William L., James M., Mary L., widow of James Mahaffey, and Dr. Charles W. Youngman.

Samuel L. Youngman was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1846. He acquired an excellent literary education in the public schools and at Dickinson Seminary, after which he read law with his father and was admitted to the bar April 22, 1868. During the

same year he began the practice of his profession, and has ever since devoted his attention to that calling and the real estate business. During the Civil war, when the country was in sore need of the services of her loyal and faithful sons, Mr. Youngman volunteered and served as one of the emergency men. The political belief of Mr. Youngman brings him into connection with the Republican party, the principles of which he upholds with his ballot.

On February 22, 1871, Mr. Youngman was married to Margaret Louisa Rissell, daughter of Henry Rissell, of Lycoming county, and their children are as follows: William Sterling, Mary V., Julia Ross, Amanda Louise, and Samuel Antes Youngman. The family are members of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant.



#### WILLIAM C. RILEY.

William C. Riley, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is a descendant in the third generation of Patrick Riley, a native of Ireland, from whence he emigrated to the United States in the early part of the nineteenth century. In 1830 Patrick Riley secured a contract on the West Branch division of the Pennsylvania canal, commencing a short distance below Williamsport and extending to Loyalsock creek, at which time his family removed to Lycoming county, and representatives thereof have since then filled various places of trust and responsibility. Upon the completion of this contract Mr. Riley relinquished the business of contracting, which he had followed for several years, during which time he was also engaged on the Lehigh canal, and purchased a farm in Hepburn township, from which he removed in 1839 to Williamsport. Patrick Riley was a member of the Catholic church, and his wife was reared in the Church of England.

William P. Riley, son of Patrick Riley, and father of William C. Riley whose name heads this sketch, was born in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, in 1828. He accompanied his parents upon their removal to Williamsport, and in that city was variously employed in summer and attended school in winter. In 1845 he engaged with John B. Hall to learn the trade of iron molder, which occupation he followed with but little interruption until after the outbreak of the rebellion. He enlisted in the One Hundred and Ninety-second Regiment, and was discharged from the service in August, 1865. Shortly after his return to civil life he took measures for the establishment of the business in which he had been educated, resulting in the formation of the firm of Sechler, Riley & Company, composed of Michael Sechler, William P. Riley and Daniel Riley. The works were adapted to the manufacture of stoves, plows and light castings. During the first year the firm was changed to Heathcote, Riley and Company, and subsequently to Riley & Maitland, which continued until 1878. Upon the retirement of Mr. Maitland in that year Mr. Riley assumed sole control, and the establishment was then known as the Valley Iron Works. The character of the products also changed, stoves and plows having long since been superseded by machinery of various kinds. The leading specialty is the Valley Automatic Engine, patented and placed on the market in 1886, and the favorable reputation of this engine has been attested by orders from every state and territory of the Union, as well as Canada, Mexico, South America, India and Japan. Mr. Riley is a Republican in politics, but has never held or sought public office, preferring to devote his entire time to business. He holds membership in Reno Post, No. 64, Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1852 William P. Riley was united in marriage to Mary A. Yost, daughter of Harman Yost, of Lewisburg, Union county, Pennsylvania, and four children were the issue, namely: Francis H., who died in

1856; Edward H., employed in the Valley Iron Works; William C., also employed in the Valley Iron Works; and Walter Lee, who was accidentally killed in 1887, at the age of eighteen. Mr. and Mrs. Riley are members of the Presbyterian church.

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### CHARLES WELSHANS.

The grandfather of Charles Welshans, of Jersey Shore, was Conrad Welshans, a native of Baden, Germany. He was a gunsmith, and on his immigration to this country settled in Little York, Pennsylvania.

William Welshans, son of Conrad Welshans, was born in 1791, in Little York, and, like his father, followed the trade of a gunsmith. In 1840 he moved to Lycoming county, where he purchased six hundred acres of land in the Nippenose valley, and there engaged in farming and lumbering in addition to attending to the demands of his trade. Mr. Welshans was twice married. His first wife was——Griffin, who bore him six children: Catherine, Daniel, William, Abraham, Mary and Rebecca. For his second wife he married Margaret Judun, and was by her the father of the following children: James, George, Adeline, Joseph, Charles, mentioned at length hereinafter, Hester, Thomas, Martha, Frank and Henry. Mrs. Welshans was a native of Milton, Pennsylvania. Mr. Welshans died in 1871, leaving an estate valued at the amount of thirty-one thousand dollars.

Charles Welshans, son of William and Margaret (Judun) Welshans, was born in 1832, in Upper Fairfield township, and was eight years old when the family moved to Lycoming county. He turned his attention to the life of a farmer, and has followed agricultural pursuits with profit and success, owning and cultivating sixty-five acres of land, which form part of the old homestead. His neighbors have elected him

to the offices of tax collector and school director. For the latter position he was peculiarly fitted, having during his early life been for seven years a teacher, and being still a close student of current events as well as an advanced thinker.

Mr. Welshans married, in 1855, Nancy Jane Sheadle, and they were the parents of two sons: Alvin A. and Horace O., both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Welshans is the granddaughter of Michael Sheadle, who came to the Nippenose valley, in 1812, with his wife, Mary (Wise) Sheadle. He was a wagonmaker and also a farmer, his farm consisting of one hundred and fifty acres of land.

Michael Sheadle, son of Michael and Mary (Wise) Sheadle, was born in 1806, in the Luykins valley. He was a millwright and owned a half interest in two hundred acres of farming land. He married Phoebe, daughter of Jacob P. and Catharine (Showers) Sallada, and their family consisted of eleven children, nine of whom grew to maturity: Samuel Thomas, deceased; Nancy Jane, who became the wife of Charles Welshans, as mentioned above; Henry James, deceased; Rebecca Ann; Abner Sallada; Jacob Evans, who is a physician; Laura Della; Howard Sylvester, and Robert Carson.



#### CHARLES R. HERRITT.

Charles R. Herritt, a progressive business man of Waterville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was there born April 4, 1876, a son of William and Harriet (Dusenberry) Herritt. (For ancestral history of Mr. Herritt see preceding sketch of Lancaster D. Herritt.)

Charles R. Herritt obtained his early education in the common schools of his native place, and later attended Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport. Immediately after leaving the school-room Mr. Herritt en-



tered into his first employment in the service of his brother, Lancaster D., who is extensively engaged in the lumber business, Jersey Shore, and remained with him for four years. On the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Bonnell, which occurred December 17, 1899, Mr. Herritt assumed charge of the general store which the deceased had built up and thoroughly established. During the time Mr. Herritt has been engaged in this business he has shown his aptitude for this line of work in various ways. Not only does he conduct the general merchandise business, but superintends a large stone quarry and deals extensively in flagging stone, and aside from working his own quarry, buys and sells stone. He also deals in railroad ties, and in 1904 shipped nine thousand of these, both oak and chestnut. From the beginning, Mr. Herritt's business career has been one of the most flattering success, and his store enjoys a generous and ever increasing patronage. Mr. Herritt is a strong Democrat in politics, and is interested in educational affairs; he is a member and president of the school board.

Mr. Herritt married, in September, 1898, Miss Blanche E. Bonnell, only child of Michael and Rebecca (Campbell) Bonnell. Of this marriage union two children have been born, viz.: Cristene, and Otto Dean, who died May 31, 1905, aged four and one-half years.

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#### WILLIAM F. LAUBACH.

William F. Laubach, a worthy farmer of Limestone township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born in Lehigh county, July 31, 1846, the son of Charles and Sarah (France) Laubach, both natives of Lehigh county. Charles Laubach was formerly a blacksmith, which occupation he followed for a number of years with good success. In January, 1847, he removed to Clinton county, Pennsylvania, locating in Crawford town-

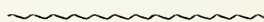


ship, where he purchased one hundred acres of land. In Clinton county Charles followed lumbering for some time, but subsequently engaged very extensively in farming, in which he achieved the most gratifying results. He is a prominent man in the community and has held various public offices.

Charles Laubach married Sarah France, and they had children as follows: William F., H. C., Joseph, Emanuel, Jacob, Uriah, deceased, Amanda, France and Emma. Charles Laubach is still living (1905), aged eighty-two years. His wife passed away in 1883.

William F. Laubach, the eldest child of Charles and Sarah (France) Laubach, has resided for twenty-five years in Limestone township. He is a practical and successful agriculturist, owning and conducting a farm of fifty-three acres of excellent farming land. Mr. Laubach has served his township in various offices during his residence there. He erected a splendid residence in 1903 and a barn in 1896.

In April, 1876, he was united in marriage to Kate Dochler, of Larry's Creek, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of two children, viz: Edith H., the wife of J. Eck, a promising young farmer of Limestone township; and Franklin C.



#### T. H. GIBSON.

The father of T. H. Gibson, of Okome, is Thomas Gibson, who was born in Scotland, but as a young man emigrated to the province of New Brunswick, where he has since lived. He married Agnes ———, also a native of Scotland, and their family consists of the following children: Janette; William; T. H., mentioned at length hereinafter; Agnes; Robert; and Lizzie. With the exception of T. H., Robert is

the only member of the family who came to the United States, and, like his brother, is a resident of Okome.

T. H. Gibson, son of Thomas and Agnes Gibson, was born in 1846, at Woodstock, New Brunswick, and was educated in his native town. He came to the United States, making his home at Slate Run, where he engaged in the lumber business. In 1869 he migrated to Missouri, but at the end of two years returned and occupied his present farm, which he purchased in 1872. It consists of one hundred acres, sixty-five of which are cleared and are maintained in a high state of cultivation. He has erected a fine house and barn, both of which are supplied with all the latest facilities for comfort and convenience. He has on his farm a superior specimen of fire clay which will soon be developed and manufactured at Cammal. He has held the office of tax collector for six years, and that of school director for the same length of time. His political affiliations are with the Democrats, and in religious belief he and his family are Presbyterians.

Mr. Gibson married, February 21, 1869, Deborah Moore, and they have been the parents of the following children: 1. Olive, who is married to D. J. Hurst, and is the mother of two children. 2. William, who married Marta Crum and has two children. 3. Chloe, who is the wife of William Campbell. 4. Lizzie, who became the wife of Silas Hostrander, and has four children. 5. Robert H. 6. George W. 7. Ellis Jeremiah. 8. Jennette, deceased.

Mrs. Gibson is a granddaughter of Isaac Moore, who in early life was a sailor and afterward became one of the pioneers of Pine Creek. His children were: Nelson, Dennis, John, Mary, Deborah, and Sarah. Four of these settled on Pine Creek. Nelson, with his brother John, moved up to Okome, where they became the owners of one hundred acres of good farming land. Nelson married Jane Simcox, and the

following children were born to them: Deborah, who became the wife of T. H. Gibson, as mentioned above; Jeremiah, George, Margaret, Lizzie, Agnes, Olive, and Thomas. Of this number, Thomas, Margaret, and Deborah (Mrs. Gibson) are living.

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DR. CHARLES E. LEWIS.

Healing disease by means other than that prescribed by allopathy or homeopathy is now considered a reality, and in this particularly useful line of work Dr. Lewis is rapidly acquiring popularity in Williamsport, although he has practiced there but a short time.

On the paternal side Dr. Lewis is of German origin, and his grandfather, Rodman Lewis, who was a native of Rhode Island, settled in Erie county, New York, where he followed agriculture during the active period of his life.

Jonathan Lewis, Dr. Lewis' father, was born in Erie county and reared upon a farm. When a young man he went to Michigan, where he was engaged in the live-stock business for about twenty years, and during that time he drove cattle from Michigan to New York city. He married Emily Ferguson, who was born in Bodina county, Ohio, in 1821. She died in 1857. Jonathan and Emily Lewis were the parents of seven children, namely: Francis Samuel, James Henry, Elmer T., Misael B., Charles E., and two daughters who died in infancy.

Francis S. and James H. Lewis enlisted in the Fourth Regiment, Michigan Cavalry, for service in the Civil war, and were both killed in action at Slow River, in 1862.

Elmer T. Lewis, who also served in the rebellion as a private in the Thirteenth Regiment, Michigan Volunteer Infantry, survived the

struggle and is now a prosperous business man in Vandalia, that state. He is married and has had three children, two of whom are living.

Misael B. Lewis resides in Cory, Michigan, and is engaged in agricultural pursuits. He is married and has a family of five children.

Charles E. Lewis, mental healer, was born in Vandalia, Michigan, April 29, 1855. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, graduating from the Vandalia High School with the class of 1872, and he began the activities of life in the butchering and live-stock business. He was subsequently employed as a contractor in the service of the Cincinnati and Wabash Railroad Company for a period of two years, at the expiration of which time he went to Emporia, Kansas, where, for the ensuing four years, he was engaged in the hardware business. From Kansas he went to Nebraska, where he devoted about two years to the raising of thoroughbred stock. Being fully convinced of the truth and possibilities of mental healing, he determined to devote his future energies exclusively to that science, and with this end in view he pursued the regular course of instruction at the Wellmer School of Healing and Mental Science in Nevada, Mississippi, graduating in 1904. After practicing in Amarillo, Texas, for a few months, he returned north, and in the spring of 1905 located permanently in Williamsport, establishing himself in handsomely furnished office-quarters at No. 604 East Third street.

Dr. Lewis was first married in 1878 to Miss Martha Ross, daughter of Mayor Ross, of Marcellus, Michigan. She died in 1894, leaving no children. On July 6, 1896, he married for his second wife Miss Ora M. Stetler, of Williamsport, daughter of Seward Stetler. Mrs. Lewis has three brothers residing in Williamsport, namely: Albert, Charles and Raymond Stetler, and also a sister, Mrs. Rundio.

## G. S. RANDALL.

G. S. Randall, a prosperous farmer of Piatt township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born October 7, 1873, a son of O. H. and Abigail (Chase) Randall. His father was born in New York state, but subsequently took up his residence in Lycoming county. He removed to Williamsport before the Civil war, in which conflict he took an active part. He was taken prisoner and was confined in Libby Prison for some years. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. To him and his wife, Abigail Chase, were born children as follows: Dr. W. H., Mrs. Fannie Waltz, Mrs. W. H. Waltz, Mrs. S. McCoy, G. S., mentioned further hereinafter; and two deceased. O. H. Randall is deceased, but his widow is still living (1905).

G. S. Randall acquired his intellectual training in the Williamsport high school and Milton College. Immediately after leaving the school-room he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has been eminently successful. He owns and cultivates a farm of one hundred and thirty-four acres of valuable farm land, which compares favorably with the finest in the country. He was engaged for eight years in the dairy business, being successful in that line also. Mr. Randall is a Republican in political proclivities, and is a Baptist in church connections. Socially he is a member of the Maccabees.

He married Miss Rosa Sawyer, and the issue of this marriage is one child, O. H.

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JOHN S. BROWN.

John S. Brown, an honorable and enterprising citizen of Williamsport, in which city he has resided since 1891, was born in Arbroath, Forfarshire, Scotland, July 30, 1841, son of George and Margaret

(Mitchell) Brown, natives of Scotland, their births occurring in Tana-dice, Forfarshire, and their deaths occurred in their native land, of which they were lifelong residents, in 1864, both passing away in the same year. They were the parents of six children, five sons and one daughter. Mr. Brown was a tanner by trade. He was one of the prominent men of the locality, promoting in every way possible the growth and development of the same, and served in the capacity of town councilor. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, in which both he and his wife held membership, and they were very strict in their doctrinal views.

John S. Brown spent his boyhood days in Scotland, attended the public schools, thereby obtaining a good, practical education, and with his father learned the trade of currier. In his nineteenth year he became a traveling salesman and continued as such for four years, his territory covering the northern part of Scotland. In 1864 he came to the United States on a visit, but being so favorably impressed with the country and its many advantages for a successful career, he decided to remain here permanently. He followed his trade in various states of the Union until 1881, when he became a bookkeeper in a plumbing and gas fitting establishment at Toronto, Canada, remaining there until 1891, a period of ten years. He then took up his abode in Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and secured employment as bookkeeper for the Kettle Creek Coal Company, which position he holds at the present time (1905). He is treasurer of the Susquehanna and Buffalo Railroad Company. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, the doctrines of which were inculcated in him during his youth. He is a Republican in politics, and although an ardent supporter of the candidates of that party, he has never aspired to public office. He is liberal-spirited, and interested in all matter of mutual welfare, and ever ready to assist in the work of improving his home locality.



In 1892 Mr. Brown married Miss Ada M. Howell, of Brantford, Canada, daughter of Levi Howell, a farmer at Ayr, Canada, and a descendant of old American people, the Howells having been residents of New Jersey for many generations: Three children were the issue of this marriage: George L., Adele Alevia, and Mary Margaret Brown.

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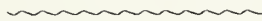
J. W. CHRISTMAN.

Up to the present time (1905) the business career of J. W. Christman, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, has borne unmistakable evidence of ability, natural and acquired, and the reliable manner in which he performs his duties has contributed in a large measure to the prosperity which has attended his well directed efforts. He is a native of Carbon county, Pennsylvania, a son of Adam D. and Julia A. (Keiper) Christman, and grandson of Solomon and Mary M. (Kunkle) Christman.

Adam D. Christman (father) was born in Monroe county, Pennsylvania, in 1836. He was educated in the district school, and after laying aside his books, at the age of fifteen, came to Carbon county, locating in Penn Forest township, where for a number of years he was engaged in teaming, hauling goods to the Lehigh river. Later he purchased a sawmill, located on Strong creek, and subsequently became the possessor of two other sawmills in the same township. He was also the owner of large tracts of land in Carbon county, which have been accumulated through years of industry and unceasing labor. In 1860 he was elected by the Republican party to the office of justice of the peace, and for many years honorably fulfilled the duties of the position. His wife, whose maiden name was Julia A. Keiper, daughter of Henry Keiper, of Monroe county, died in 1893. Their family consisted of ten children.

The educational advantages enjoyed by J. W. Christman were acquired in the common schools of his native place. He then took up civil engineering and surveying, which he followed for two years, after which he went to Hyner, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, and took charge of his father's interests in that place and elsewhere. He continued thus until 1890, in which year he purchased the business from his father and conducted operations alone until 1894. He then removed to Williamsport, Lycoming county, and from then up to the present time, a period of eleven years, has continued in the manufacture and sale of lumber. In 1901 he formed the Christman-Miller Lumber Company, of which he is president, and he also serves in the same capacity for the Catawissa Coal Company. He is vice-president and director of the Pennsylvania Steam Coal and Coke Company, and a director in the following named companies: The Avoyelles Company, which is operating one hundred and nine thousand acres of land in Louisiana; the American Relief Assurance Company of Philadelphia; the Red Mountain Railroad Mining and Smelting Company of Colorado; the Jennie Creek Mining and Milling Company of Denver, Colorado; and the Federal Engineering Company of Ohio. He is also the owner of a one-half interest in the Windsor Cafe of Williamsport.

Mr. Christman was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Valentine, and they are the parents of one son, Milton Valentine Christman.



#### ALFRED BASTIAN KAST.

Alfred B. Kast was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a son of Jacob E. and Nancy J. (Bastian) Kast, the latter named being a daughter of John Bastian, and they reared a family of nine children, as follows: Alfred Bastian, mentioned at length hereinafter; Howard

C., who died aged about eighteen years; Laura Idell, who became the wife of C. E. Faber; Viola May, who became the wife of Packer B. Troxell, and their children are: Frank, William and Blanche Troxell; Florence, deceased; Elmer E., deceased, was married and had one son, Howard Kast; Walter, unmarried; Charles C., married Jeanette Barclay and had one child, Earnestine; Dr. Clyde, who married Ida Leiter. Jacob E. Kast (father) came to this country from Germany when he was a young man and went to Philadelphia; he was a cooper by trade, also a practical brewer, and he gained a good livelihood by following these lines of work in Philadelphia and Williamsport.

Alfred B. Kast acquired a practical education which prepared him for the activities of life in the public schools of Williamsport. He accompanied his parents to Williamsport in 1865 and secured employment in the hotel business, continuing the same until he was sixteen years of age, when he went with the firm of Culver Barber & Co. to learn the lumber business. He remained there one year and then entered the employ of Finley Young & Co., with whom he remained six years, after which he was employed in the Beaver Mill, and at the same time established a small notion store at the corner of Hepburn and West Jefferson streets. He followed this until 1885 and then went to Newberry and rented the Old Homestead Hotel, which he conducted for four years, after which he purchased the property which he now owns on Arch street, continuing the hotel business until 1902, when he left the business to his son, Edward Kast. He resides on West Third street, his youngest son, Leonard L., residing with him. He was the first foreman of Engine Company No. 5, paid firemen. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and the Turnverein of Williamsport. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Kast was united in marriage to Leonora Whitman, daughter of Jacob and Mary Ann (Welshans) Whitman, who are also the parents of a son, Erastus Whitman, who married Maggie Wolf. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kast, namely: Edward H., who married Lillie Westfall, and they have one child, Leonora May; he is a member of the Presbyterian church, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and a Democrat in politics. Leonard L., who married Edith May Winner; he is a member of the Presbyterian church, a member of the Williamsport Wheel Club, a Democrat in politics, and at present is engaged in the confectionery business in the Opera House block in Williamsport.

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#### REV. JOHN COSTELLO.

Rev. John Costello, present rector of the Church of the Annunciation, studied his classical and philosophical course in St. Jarlath's College, Galaway, Ireland, his theological course in St. Bonaventure's College, Allegany, New York. His first pastoral charge was at Athens, Pennsylvania. During his occupancy of that charge the church building was renovated, a rectory built and a site for a cemetery secured. A church and rectory were also built at Sayre, an adjoining town, as well as another church at South Waverly, Pennsylvania. In March, 1899, he was appointed irremovable rector of the Church of the Annunciation at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, since which time the interior of the church has been decorated, and a large school house, equipped with all modern appointments, has been erected.

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#### THOMAS RAMSEY.

Thomas Ramsey, of Ramseyville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was there born April 30, 1821, and is a descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of this county. They are a family of English origin, of consid-

erable distinction, and it is said that they date back to Sir Alexander Ramsey, who fought against the Bruces of Scotland.

Thomas Ramsey, grandfather, was a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and served in the war of the Revolution. After peace was declared Thomas migrated to the north, locating in Pine Creek, purchasing a tract of land comprising three hundred acres, on a part of which his grandson now resides. He engaged in the manufacture of lumber, and also cleared considerable bottom land along the creek. Later he removed to Ohio, settling on the Miami river, near Tippecanoe, where he and his wife died. Their children were: Samuel, Allen, Robert, William, John, Thomas, to be further referred to; Nancy, married Jonathan Baker; and Mary, married Andrew Berrybell. Some of these children went to Ohio with their parents, where they became prominent and influential citizens.

Of those who remained in Pine Creek one was Thomas, youngest son, and father of the present Thomas Ramsey. He was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in 1772, and was a sturdy pioneer of the Pine Creek region. He was an experienced raftsman, and invented the blade oar for steering rafts. In conjunction with lumbering he followed agricultural pursuits. He was a man of considerable influence in the community, and for some time occupied the position of justice of the peace. He was a Democrat in political proclivities, and in religious faith a Presbyterian. His wife was Sarah English, to whom children were born as follows: Mary, Thomas, to be further mentioned hereinafter; John, Fannie (1), Elizabeth, William, Fannie (2), Allen, Margaret, James and Sarah J.; of these children, Thomas, Elizabeth, James and Sarah J., are now living (1905). The father, Thomas Ramsey, died July 4, 1847, and was buried on Sugar Island.

Thomas, second child and eldest son of Thomas and Sarah (Eng-

lish) Ramsey, was reared and educated in Ramsey, and now owns one hundred and seventeen acres of the land taken up by his grandfather, Thomas Ramsey (1). Like his ancestors his life has been spent in the woods in winter and on the farm in summer. He engaged very extensively in lumbering, not only in rafting logs, but in the manufacture of lumber. In his younger and more active days he owned as much as fifteen hundred and fifty acres of timber land. His mill was burned in 1880, and seven years later he erected a steam sawmill, which was also destroyed by fire in 1891.

Like many of the residents of Pine Creek, Mr. Ramsey has won distinction as a sportsman. He delights, always, in fishing and hunting. There has always been, and is now, an abundance of deer in Pine Creek, and it was no unusual occurrence for Mr. Ramsey to bring down three deer in one day. Indeed, it was an exceptional thing for a deer to escape his vigilant eye or out-distance his unerring rifle. Bear and wild-cat were common and were often the trophies of the chase in his earlier life. In political affiliations, Mr. Ramsey is a sound and loyal Democrat.

He married, in 1845, Miss Harriet, the daughter of Daniel and Mary Mourey, and to this union children were born as follows: Jennie, the wife of George Barnes; George A.; Asbury (deceased) was the husband of Jennie Dye, and of this union two children were born; Torrance, married Annie Dinglar, and they have seven children, two of whom are deceased; Tacie; Fannie, the widow of George Forbus; Alice, the wife of George Gulliver, and mother of three children; William, deceased; Henry; Grant; and Ella M., now Mrs. Harbrauft, the mother of four children.

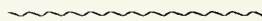


## GEORGE A. RAMSEY.

George A. Ramsey, a lumberer and farmer of Ramsey, Lycoming county, was there born June 9, 1847, the son of Thomas and Harriet (Mourey) Ramsey. (For ancestral history of Mr. Ramsey, see preceding sketch.) After receiving a common school education he turned his attention to the pursuits of a farmer and lumberer, and has since confined himself to this occupation. He is now the owner of seven hundred and ten acres of valuable farming land, some of which is under cultivation. On this property is located a quarry of valuable stone which is used for flagging purposes. He has erected on his farm a commodious and modern house, which adds largely to the beautiful appearance of the town. He is a Democrat in politics, and has held the office of postmaster at Ramsey since 1889, and is also interested in educational affairs, having served as a school director for eighteen years.

George A. Ramsey married, in 1884, Miss Viola E. Whipple, daughter of David and Sophia (Kaufman) Whipple. Samuel Whipple, her grandfather, was of New England stock, a resident of Muncy, and a distiller by occupation. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. His wife was Ann Hare, of Ohio, and their children were: David, Sarah, John, James and Jane. David Whipple, father of Mrs. Ramsey, was a millwright and boat builder. He and his wife, Sophia Kaufman, had the following children: Viola E., Lizzie L., Sheldon L. and Orrin B.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Ramsey are the parents of seven children, four of whom are living, namely: Pansy N., M. Elizabeth, Olive and Chester W.



## WILLIAM GANN.

The Ganns, represented at Oriole by William Gann, are a German family which, in the early history of central Pennsylvania, settled in

Berks county. John Gann, one of the descendants of the emigrant ancestor, migrated to Milton, later moved to Lewisburg and thence to Dry Valley. In 1808 he came to the Nippenose valley, making part of the journey by canoe and part by Indian trail. He settled first near what is now Oval, but after a short time took up the land which has long been called the "old Gann homestead," which he purchased for one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the number of acres being three hundred.

Mr. Gann married, at Milton, Catherine Christ, and their family consisted of the following children: Harry; Jacob; John, mentioned at length hereinafter; George; Andrew; Lewis; Israel; and Elizabeth. Mr. Gann lived to be seventy-two years of age, and his widow passed her eighty-fifth year.

John Gann, son of John and Catherine (Christ) Gann, was born in 1806, in Dry Valley. He was an excellent farmer, owning four hundred acres of land in Nippenose township, and as a citizen was much respected, filling several township offices. He married, in 1833, Adeline Cruse, by whom he was the father of two sons: William, mentioned at length hereinafter; and Alfred, deceased. His second wife was Rachel Coffman, to whom nine children were born: Adeline, deceased; Catherine; Amelia, deceased; Mary and Jane, twins, deceased; Rachel; Matilda; John; and Peter. All but Peter grew to maturity.

William Gann, son of John and Adeline (Cruse) Gann, was born May 16, 1835, in Limestone township, where he was reared and educated. He turned his attention to agricultural pursuits and now owns and cultivates seventy-five acres of land. He is a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in faith, having served as deacon and elder in the church of his choice.

Mr. Gann married, March 19, 1861, Harriet Meixel, of Union county, and three children were born to them: Albert M., who mar-

ried Alice Fenstemacher; Elmer M., who married Lilla Sheedle; and George W., who married Jesta Sheedle. In 1900 Mr. Gann and his three sons were deprived of the presence of the wife and mother, whose death occurred in that year.

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### AUGUSTUS ECK.

The family of which Augustus Eck, of Oval, is a representative is of German extraction. Joseph Eck was a prosperous farmer who migrated with his family from Berks county to the Nippenose valley. He was a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Eck married Mary Bower and their children were: Maria A., who was born May 20, 1816; Reuben, who was born September 18, 1817; Samuel, who was born in 1819; Nathan, who was born September 25, 1820; Joel, who was born February 2, 1822; William, who was born February 20, 1823; James, who was born July 1, 1824; Augustus, mentioned at length hereinafter; Joseph J., who was born December 2, 1827; Leah, who was born in 1829; Susanna, who was born May 17, 1831; Lorenzo, who was born May 17, 1834; and Jonas. The mother of these children died in 1864 and the father expired at the age of sixty-eight.

Augustus Eck, son of Joseph and Mary (Bower) Eck, was born September 30, 1825, in Berks county, and was seven years old when, in 1832, the family sought a home in the Nippenose valley. During his early life, large game, such as deer, bears, wolves and foxes, abounded in that region, and Mr. Eck, with other members of his father's family, as well as their neighbors, took great delight in the chase. In the course of time he became one of the hardworking men in the valley, cleared his own land, built his own houses and raised the best country produce presented in the market, where it commanded the highest price. He has

purchased and now owns three first-class farms, comprising in all four hundred acres, situated in Limestone township. In his retirement from active service he resides on his own property. He is a Republican in politics and a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Eck married, in 1853, Fannie Dougherty, and of the twelve children born to them eleven grew to maturity and the following are now living: William H.; David F.; Abraham E.; Hezekiah O.; Augustus, junior; Richard; Daniel; and Susanna. These children and their father have, in recent years, suffered a severe bereavement in the death of the wife and mother, who passed away in October, 1900.



#### DANIEL WALTZ.

The family to which Daniel Waltz, of Linden, belongs was planted in this country about 1800. The first to come to Lycoming county was John Waltz. He was a farmer and a worthy man who reared a family of good and loyal citizens, in number seven sons and four daughters.

Gotlieb Waltz, one of the sons of John Waltz, was born in Lycoming county, and was all his life a successful farmer. He owned and cultivated one hundred acres of land and held several township offices. His wife was Catherine Helner, and their family consisted of the following children: George W.; Hiram; Elizabeth; Daniel, mentioned at length hereinafter; Barbara; Catherine; Amanda; Sarah; and two deceased.

Daniel Waltz, son of Gotlieb and Catherine (Helner) Waltz, was born August 9, 1852, in Lycoming county, where he was reared and educated. Subsequently he adopted for his own the independent life of a farmer, and is now the owner of one hundred acres of fine valley land which, under his skillful management, is extremely productive. He holds

the office of deacon in the Baptist church, of which he and his family are members.

Mr. Waltz married, in 1875, Phoebe J. Kyle, and ten children have been born to them: Minnie, who is the wife of Harry Good and has four sons; Perry, who married Blanche Berry and is the father of one son; Erwin; Pearson; Ella; Edna; Lloyd; Della; and two who are deceased. By this family is recruited the number of descendants of those German settlers who contributed so largely toward laying the foundations of the prosperity of Pennsylvania.



### JOHN HAUSER.

A worthy representative of one of the best types of our foreign-born citizens is John Hauser, of Woodward township. Mr. Hauser is a son of Peter Hauser, a native of Germany, who in 1840 emigrated to the United States. He settled in Bastress township, where he owned and cultivated one hundred acres of good farming land, and by industry and thrift acquired a competence. His wife was Anna Kenach, and of their nine children seven were born in Germany, six came to this country and two died in the fatherland. The names of seven of the nine were: George; Peter; John, mentioned at length hereinafter, and the sole survivor of the family; Mary; Cassie; Rosanna; and Adam. Mr. Hauser closed his useful life in 1862, and his widow outlived him more than thirty years, passing away in 1893.

John Hauser, son of Peter and Anna (Kenach) Hauser, was born in 1840, in Germany, and was but one year old when the family migrated to their new home across the sea. He was reared and educated in Bastress and Woodward townships, and has always confined himself to agricultural pursuits, with the single exception of the lumber business,

in which he was engaged for fifteen years. He has been for forty years a resident of Woodward township, where he owns and cultivates a farm of eighty acres upon which he resides, also another farm of one hundred acres, and still another of forty-five acres, upon which one of his sons resides. He has been honored with the office of overseer of the poor and also with that of supervisor of the township. The former office he held for ten years. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his family are members of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Hauser married, October 29, 1859, and his children are: 1. Peter, who married Bertie Abernatha and has one child, Tricksie. 2. George, who married Lena Olan and is the father of six children: Pearl, John, May, Blanche, Harry and Florence. 3. Anna, who is the wife of George Lutzenberger and has eight children: James, Lizzie, Clara, Jennie, Annie, Edward, May and Eugene. 4. Catherine, who is married to John Greenaway and has five children: John, Ella, Catherine, Hannah and William. 5. Maggie, who is the wife of Eugene Street and the mother of one child, Lewis. 6. Lizzie, who married William Sheets and has two children: Margaret and George. 7. John, who married Alice Bastian and has five children: Viola, Lizzie, Margaret, Eugene H., and Archie. 8. Harry, who married Clara Umpstead.

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#### REVEREND WILLIAM R. CAMPBELL.

The name of the family of which the Reverend William R. Campbell, of Slate Run, is a representative, is one fraught with association for every student of Scottish song and story. In the history of the land where the race had its origin there is none more honorably distinguished.

The Pennsylvania branch of the Campbells was founded by Samuel Campbell, whose ancestors, like so many of their countrymen, had found



a refuge from political troubles in the north of Ireland. Prior to the Revolutionary war he emigrated to the American colonies and settled in the Juniata valley, where he reared a family.

Among the children of Samuel Campbell were two sons, John and Robert. The latter was born in 1765, and at the age of twelve entered the colonial army as a musician. At the close of the war he and his brother John bought land at Jersey Shore from a man who had some difficulty with the Indians in consequence of which he was obliged to sell. The brothers subsequently sold or exchanged this land for property at Round Island, where they engaged, though in a crude and small way, in the manufacture of lumber and in milling. Robert Campbell was a close student of the scriptures, through the influence of which, and not by the exhortations of preachers, he was converted to the Baptist faith. After receiving baptism administered in the form most acceptable to that denomination, he became a preacher and continued in the ministry for twenty years.

Mr. Campbell married Rachel Morrison, and the following children were born to them: 1. Samuel, who became a licentiate of the Baptist church. 2. George. 3. Michael, mentioned at length hereinafter. 4. Young. 5. Abner, who was born in 1801, and carried on an extensive lumber business in partnership with his brother George, the two brothers owning about fifteen hundred acres of timber land. Abner married Elizabeth Gamble and their children were: Emily, John, Salome, H. W., Mary J., Stephen, Cordelia, Almira, Rachel and Eunice. His second wife was Rhoda Dugan, by whom he was the father of four children: Lorenzo, William, Elizabeth and Abigail. 6. Robert. 7. John. 8. Jeremiah. 9. Priscilla. 10. Margaret. 11. Elizabeth, who became the wife of Jacob Tomb, of Tomb's Run.

Michael Campbell, son of Robert and Rachel (Morrison) Camp-

bell, was born October 26, 1794, and followed the calling of a farmer, in Cammal, where he was the owner of considerable land. He was twice married, his first wife being Mary Hostrander, to whom twelve children were born: Priscilla, Sarah, Hiram, Richard, Michael, Margaret, Fannie, Mary, Harriet, Cordelia, and two who died in infancy.

The second wife of Michael Campbell was Hannah, daughter of William Barrett, a native of London, England, and a gunsmith by trade. With his wife (also a native of London) and their children, he emigrated to the United States, settling at Pittsburg, where he followed his trade. His children were: Margaret; Susan; Rebecca; and Hannah, who was born in 1805, and was one of the flower girls who took part in the welcome accorded by the city of Pittsburg to General Lafayette in 1824. Hannah Barrett subsequently became the wife of Daniel Beauvoir, by whom she was the mother of five children: Wilhelmina, Henrietta, Eliza, Elizabeth and Cornelius. After the death of her husband she was married to Michael Campbell, as mentioned above, and they were the parents of four sons: Enoch, deceased; William R., mentioned at length hereinafter; Lafayette; and Truman.

William R. Campbell, son of Michael and Hannah Barrett (Beauvoir) Campbell, was born July 18, 1843, in Lycoming county, and for twenty years resided as a farmer in Tioga county. In 1880 he was called to the ministry of the Baptist church, and after serving for twenty years as a licentiate was regularly ordained. We take the following extract from the "Blossburg Advertiser":

"A council composed of delegates from eight churches of Tioga Baptist Association met with Morris Baptist church on August 31, 1900, to consider the advisability of ordaining William R. Campbell to the gospel ministry. Rev. Philander Reynolds, of Stony Fork, was chosen moderator and Rev. W. B. F. Brown clerk. After a careful and thor-

ough examination the council recommended ordination. Reading of scripture and prayer by Deacon N. C. Brace, sermon by Rev. W. B. F. Brown, ordination prayer by Rev. T. C. Davis, right hand of fellowship by Rev. William Young, charge to candidate by Rev. Philander Reynolds, charge to church by Rev. G. M. Smith, benediction by Rev. W. R. Campbell." Mr. Campbell is now pastor of Morris Baptist church.

Mr. Campbell married, December 9, 1866, Elizabeth Miller, and they have been the parents of the following children: 1. Edward E., deceased. 2. Isabelle, who in 1886 became the wife of William J. Montanye, by whom she was the mother of one son, Leon, who is now deceased. In 1888 Mrs. Montanye was left a widow and has for many years been an accomplished and successful educator, having been a student at Mansfield State Normal School and the Ohio Normal University, from which institution she graduated in 1900 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. From her early girlhood to the present time she has taught in the schools of Pennsylvania, New York and Washington. She taught eight years at Slate Run, where she is now principal of the high school. 3. Hannah, who is the wife of J. O'Day. 4. Orlina, who was a successful teacher in Tioga and Potter counties and is now the wife of M. Dyer. 5. Walter J. 6. Ivan C.

Mrs. Campbell is a granddaughter of Charles and Jane (Mullen) Miller, who were the parents of two children; a son and a daughter. The son, Jacob Miller, was born in 1822, and lived for about fifty-two years on Pine Creek, where he was a farmer and lumberman, owning the farm upon which his son-in-law, the Reverend William R. Campbell, now lives and which consists of one hundred acres. In addition to this he was the owner of another tract of two hundred acres. He married Isabelle ———, and their children were: Jane, Elizabeth, who was born in 1846, in Clinton county, Pennsylvania, and became the wife of

William R. Campbell, as mentioned above; Charles, deceased, Rebecca, Caldwell, William, Andrew, Jacob and Mary. Mr. Miller, the father of the family, died in August, 1898, at the age of seventy-six.

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#### THE WOLF FAMILY.

Germany was the original home of the family represented by Benjamin G. Wolf and Benjamin T. Wolf, of Slate Run, the first ancestor of whom we have any authentic knowledge being Michael Wolf, a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, who had among his children two sons: John, mentioned at length hereinafter, and Henry M., who is still living.

John Wolf, son of Michael Wolf, was born in Berks county and was a blacksmith by trade. He and his brother Henry M. went to Waterville, where John followed his trade. He married Nancy Bonnell, and their children were: Catharine, George B., Michael and Benjamin G., mentioned at length hereinafter. Mr. Wolf, after the death of his wife, married Sarah Herritt, by whom he was the father of four children: John, Sarah, Ida and Caroline. All the children of both marriages are now living. George B. and Michael served in the Civil war. Mr. Wolf, the father, died at Waterville, in 1880.

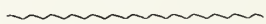
Benjamin G. Wolf, son of John and Nancy (Bonnell) Wolf, was born July 22, 1836, and with the exception of a brief period spent in Waterville, has passed the most of his life in Brown township. He engaged in farming and was twelve years in the lumber business, owning Sugar Island and possessing a half interest in twelve hundred acres of land near Jersey Mills. He was eleven years the proprietor of the Mountain House in Slate Run. For ten years he held the office of justice of the peace, serving both in Cummings township and in McHenry

township, where he was supervisor for four terms. He is a charter member of the I. O. O. F., at Slate Run, having joined the order in 1885.

Mr. Wolf married, in 1861, Miss D. A. Tomb, daughter of Benjamin Tomb, and the following children were born to them: Harriet, who is the wife of L. Tomb; Willis, deceased; Benjamin T., mentioned at length hereinafter; and Nellie, who is married to R. App.

Benjamin T. Wolf, son of Benjamin G. and D. A. (Tomb) Wolf, was born February 22, 1874, at Jersey Mills, receiving his education in the schools of that place and of Slate Run, whither his parents moved in 1888. He is now proprietor of the Brooklyn House at that place. The building was erected in 1880 and is the oldest hotel structure in Slate Run. It was purchased by Mr. Wolf from James B. Tomb in April, 1904, and is well patronized. Mr. Wolf is a musician, being a good performer on the cornet and trombone. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Protective Legion.

Mr. Wolf married, November 10, 1896, Della B. Tomb, and they have had one daughter, Hazel E., who is now deceased.



#### HON. WILLIAM W. HART.

Prominent among the representatives of the legal profession in the city of Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, is Hon. William W. Hart, who was elected to the high and honorable office of judge in November, 1901, and took his seat January 1, 1902, his term of office to expire January 1, 1912. He was born in Clinton township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, August 23, 1843, a son of Adam and Eleanor (Pollock) Hart.

Adam Hart (father) was born on Warrior Run, Northumberland



county, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1788, and died May 8, 1890, having attained the extreme old age of one hundred and one years, ten months and two days. He was reared and educated in his birthplace, and upon attaining young manhood settled in Black Hole valley, remaining there until the close of his long and useful life. He followed the quiet but useful calling of agriculture throughout his active career, thereby providing a comfortable home for his family, and his health being unusually good, despite his great age, he was enabled to go about his farm and attend to the various duties pertaining thereto until within two or three years of his decease. His wife, Eleanor (Pollock) Hart, who died almost a quarter of a century prior to his death, at the age of sixty-eight years, bore him nine children.

William W. Hart attended the public schools of his neighborhood and later pursued a course of advanced studies at Tuscarora Academy and Dickinson Seminary. He then began the study of law under Hon. J. J. Metzger, and after passing a creditable examination was admitted to the bar of Lycoming county in 1869, and since that date, a period of thirty-five years, has been actively engaged in the duties of that profession.

In 1874 Mr. Hart was elected district attorney of the county, and was re-elected in 1877, serving in that office six consecutive years. In 1882 he was elected to the state senate to represent the district embracing the counties of Lycoming, Columbia, Sullivan and Montour, and served his full term of four years. During his incumbency of that office he served in the capacity of a member of the judiciary committee, also of the committee on municipal affairs and education, and that on canals and inland navigation. In 1884 he was an alternate delegate to the Democratic national convention held at Chicago, and four years later he represented the sixteenth congressional district at the Democratic



national convention at St. Louis, casting his vote for Grover Cleveland for president of the United States. He has always been an ardent advocate of the principles of Democracy as laid down by Thomas Jefferson. He served for a number of years as solicitor for the board of commissioners, and was recognized throughout the length and breadth of his native county and state as one of the successful members of the bar.

Mr. Hart married, in December, 1877, Frances L. Montgomery, daughter of Dr. Hugh Montgomery, of Muncy, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Hart are consistent members of the First Presbyterian church of Williamsport.

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#### GARDNER BRUCE MILNOR.

Gardner Bruce Milnor, county school superintendent of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, is the son of Joseph Wright and Mary Jane (Taylor) Milnor. For family history see sketch of Harvey G. Milnor. He was born at Warrensville, Eldred township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1870, and graduated from the Lycoming County Normal School, 1889. He has taught in Eldred and Hepburn township, DuBoistown and Ralston. He entered Lafayette College, at Easton, in 1893, graduating in 1897. He was a member of the Chi Phi Greek Letter fraternity and Franklin Literary Society; member of the "Melange" (Junior Annual) and "the Lafayette" (College Weekly) board, and editor-in-chief of the latter publication during senior year; also a member of the "Touchstone" board, a literary monthly which he helped to found. He was the class poet at Commencement in 1897, and a member of the faculty during the summer sessions of the Lycoming County Normal School from 1893 to 1897. He was assistant principal from 1897 to 1900 and principal from 1900 to 1903.

January 15, 1903, he was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of county superintendent of schools, J. George Becht, and was unanimously re-elected May 2, 1905, for a term of three years. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and in religion a Presbyterian.

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WILLIAM H. HARTMAN.

William H. Hartman, one of the most prominent coal merchants of Williamsport and its vicinity, is the son of George and Caroline (Mengel) Hartman, natives of Schuylkill county. George Hartman was a section foreman on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad for many years and died in Schuylkill county in 1891.

William H. Hartman, the son of George and Caroline (Mengel) Hartman, was born in Port Clinton, Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, October 12, 1852. His early years were passed in his native county, and he was educated in the schools of Port Clinton. He afterwards took a position as clerk in that borough and in 1881 came to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and entered the freight and ticket office of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad as a clerk. Subsequently he was promoted to the position of chief clerk, which position he held until December, 1890, except for a brief period in 1888, when he was sent to Shamokin to look after the interests of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company there. In 1890 the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company erected an extensive coal yard at the foot of Hepburn street, and this was rented by Mr. Hartman. He embarked in the coal business with his proverbial energy, and handles more coal than any other dealer in the city.

During his residence in Port Clinton, Mr. Hartman was a member of the borough council and the school board. He also served two terms

in the city council in Williamsport from 1898 to 1902, and was tendered the nomination on the Democratic ticket, unanimously, for mayor of the city, but declined the honor as interfering with the strict performance of his business duties. Mr. Hartman is very public spirited and is always ready to lend a helping hand in any project that will further the interests of the city. He is a subscriber to the guarantee fund of the Board of Trade. He enjoys great popularity socially, and is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Hartman married in 1879, Nora A., daughter of E. J. Kirlin, of Schuylkill county, and they are the parents of three daughters: Carrie, married Fred W. Talley, in 1904; Ena, and Marguerite. Mr. Hartman and family are members of the First Presbyterian church of Williamsport. He has been secretary of the Finley Sunday school for a number of years. Politically, Mr. Hartman is a staunch Democrat.

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#### THE TOMB FAMILY.

The numerous family of which George W. Tomb and Sylvester R. Tomb, of Slate Run, are representatives, is of English origin. The first ancestor of whom we have any authentic account was Jacob Tomb, a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, who settled about 1755 at Slate Run, being one of the pioneers on that part of Pine Creek. He owned a large tract of land extending from Cammal to Cedar Run and appears to have erected a grist-mill and a saw-mill, both of which he operated. He sent his lumber down in rafts, and returned, supplied with provisions, in canoes. It is recorded, to his honor, that he was a great friend to the Indians, and that when other white men were obliged to flee to Antisfort he was allowed to remain at home and was unmolested in the discharge of his duties. He combined with a peaceable, good-natured

disposition the possession of great physical strength, being able to lift a barrel of cider and drink out of the bung-hole. He could also take two flour barrels, one under each arm, and walk off with them.

This notable ancestor, so famed for muscular pre-eminence, was no less distinguished for ability of a very different kind. He was a celebrated musician, and had in his possession a violin made by one of the Italian masters in the art and bearing the date 1721. It is a rare and costly instrument of exquisite tone and is now owned by his grandson, Sylvester R. Tomb. It is a noteworthy fact that all the children of Jacob Tomb, with one exception, were musicians.

Jacob Tomb married Elizabeth, sister of Robert Campbell, one of the early settlers at Cammal. Mrs. Tomb had been previously married twice, first to a Mr. Ross, by whom she had one son, Stephen, and the second time to Mr. Dickerson, to whom she had likewise borne one son, John. By her marriage to Jacob Tomb she was the mother of the following children:

1. Jacob.
2. John, mentioned at length hereinafter.
3. Samuel, also mentioned at length hereinafter.
4. Benjamin, who married Harriet Calahan and was the father of the following children: Matthew, Maria, Sarah J., Delilah, Caroline, Mary E., Trivette, Jacob, Benjamin, Denison and Rachel A.
5. Robert.
6. George, who married Elizabeth Johnson, by whom he had three children.
7. Rachel, who became the wife of John Gamble and the mother of the following children: Henry T., George M., Benjamin, Andrew, Mary and Sarah Jane.
8. Elizabeth, who was married to William Herritt, by whom she had twelve children: Benjamin, Jacob, Robert, John, William, George W., Stephen, Jackson, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah and Campbell. After the death of her husband Mrs. Herritt married John Gamble.
9. Jane, who was the wife of Cornelius Cole and, like her sister Elizabeth, became the mother of twelve children: Lucy, Catherine, Jacob, John, Harriett,

Campbell, William, Effie, Mary A., George and two who died in infancy. The children of Jacob and Elizabeth Campbell (Dickerson) Tomb were twelve in all, three having died in infancy.

John Tomb, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Campbell (Dickerson) Tomb, was born in October, 1802, at Slate Run, and owned five hundred acres of land lying along and adjacent to Pine Creek. In addition to his labors as a farmer he engaged extensively in the lumber business, owning a saw-mill at Jersey Mills, which he operated in company with his half-brother, Stephen Ross. It is stated on authority that this Stephen Ross drove a team of elks which he had captured and broken to the harness. John Tomb married Jane Cole and their children were: Eleanor; Philip; Michael; Jacob; Ann; Sarah; John; Lydia; George W., mentioned at length hereinafter, and William C. There were two who died in infancy.

George W. Tomb, son of John and Jane (Cole) Tomb, was born March 21, 1841, at Slate Run, where he was educated and has spent his life. In early manhood he was engaged in the lumber business, but has for a number of years devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. He is living on property which formed part of his grandfather's estate. Politically he is a Republican.

Mr. Tomb married his cousin, Mary A., daughter of Cornelius and Jane (Tomb) Cole, who was born in 1842, on Pine creek. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Tomb: 1. Della S., who is married to E. W. Wier. 2. Lucy A., who is the wife of A. J. Herritt and the mother of seven children: Walley, Leonard, Irvin, Susan, Reba, Edith and Mary. 3. Sarah J., who became the wife of Simon Abby and has three children: Nellie A., Earl and Ethel B. 4. Edith M., who married B. French and has one child, Ralph H. 5. Martha E., who is the wife of Charles Gumper, by whom she has three children:



Hattie C., William C., and Edith M. 6. Irvin C., who married Martha Reppat and has two children: Mildred E. and Clifford. 7. Freeman J. 8. Laura B. 9. Eliza E., who is the widow of John A. Peterson and the mother of two sons: Harry H. and John A. 10. George G. 11. Emma L.

Samuel Tomb, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Campbell (Dickerson) Tomb, was born in 1806, at Slate Run, and was a farmer and lumberman, owning about three hundred acres of land. He was twice married, his first wife being a Calahan, who bore him two sons: Lemuel and Henry. His second wife was Priscilla Campbell, by whom he was the father of the following children: Sylvester R., mentioned at length hereinafter; Richard; Erastus; Rebecca; Margaret; Lafayette; Henrietta; Clarence; Adeline; and Mary. The death of Mr. Tomb occurred in 1888.

Sylvester R. Tomb, son of Samuel and Priscilla (Campbell) Tomb, was born in 1844, at Slate Run, where he received his education. Like his ancestors, he has been a farmer and lumberman, and is now the owner of sixty-five acres of good bottom land which is under cultivation, besides two hundred and fifteen acres of wild land. Like his grandfather and uncles, he is a musician, and spends some of his happiest hours in playing on the violin, which is one of the most precious legacies bequeathed by Jacob Tomb to his descendants.

Mr. Tomb married, in 1863, Anna J., daughter of Hiram Hilburn, and they are the parents of the following children: 1. Willard, deceased. 2. W. B., who married Mary Comstock, by whom he had three sons: Earl, Harry and Lester. After the death of his wife he married Pearl Beck. 3. Charles. 4. Martha E., deceased. 5. Myrtle M., who became the wife of E. Engbert, and died, leaving one son, L. J. 6. Hiram O., who married Maud Brooks, and has one daughter, Jennie Fey.



## I. L. WILLITS.

A man who combines the qualifications of a practical farmer and a first-class mechanic is I. L. Willits, of Piatt township. Mr. Willits is a grandson of Asher D. Willits, a successful farmer and blacksmith. His wife was Elizabeth King and they were the parents of the following children: D. K., mentioned at length hereinafter; F. C.; D. A.; Robert A.; Margaret J.; William; Rachel; Flora, deceased; and an unnamed infant. Mr. Willits, the father, died of smallpox in 1863.

D. K. Willits, son of Asher D. and Elizabeth (King) Willits, was born April 15, 1844, in Pine Run, Lycoming county, owns ninety acres of farm land and is a practical agriculturist. He is a worthy citizen and has held the offices of supervisor and school director. He married Anna E. Drake, and their children are: I. L., mentioned at length hereinafter; C. G.; Warren A.; R. K.; H. P.; John A.; Cora D.; Anthony; Margaret J.; and Anson.

I. L. Willits, son of D. K. and Anna E. (Drake) Willits, was born January 28, 1866, at Level Corners, Lycoming county, and was reared in his native township, where he attended the common school. In early life he learned the trade of a carpenter and builder and also worked for some time on the railroad. Devoted as he is to his chosen work as an agriculturist and carpenter, and owning and cultivating, as he does, sixty-eight acres of land, his duties as a citizen are not neglected, and he served at one time as constable of the township. He is a worthy member of the I. O. O. F.

Mr. Willits married, November 25, 1894, Sarah E. Martin. Mrs. Willits is a granddaughter of Thomas Martin, who was a farmer and whose wife, Elizabeth Allen, was a native of New Jersey. Their chil-

dren were: Margaret; Robert A., mentioned at length hereinafter; Rebecca, deceased; Sarah J.; John; and Priscilla, deceased.

Robert A. Martin, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Allen) Martin, was born March 12, 1824, in Piatt township, Lycoming county, and cultivated sixty-eight acres of land which he purchased from his father. He was a man well thought of by his fellow citizens and held most of the township offices. He married, December 11, 1844, Catherine Emery, who was born in 1826, near the Emery Church, in Woodward township, and the following children were born to them: Sarah E., who became the wife of I. L. Willits, as mentioned above; Lemuel E.; Thomas N.; James C.; Henry M.; Robert A.; Margaret E., deceased; and an unnamed infant. The death of Mr. Martin occurred April 19, 1895, and his widow passed away May 20, 1902. Their estate was subsequently purchased by Mr. Willits, who has since resided thereon.

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#### JOHN C. BARTO.

John C. Barto, of Piatt township, one of the representative farmers of that section of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, is a descendant of ancestors who came to this country from Holland at an early date.

Samuel Barto (grandfather) was a native of Muncy, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, born in 1810. After his marriage to Maria Shuman he changed his place of residence to Porter and later to Piatt township, where he gained a lucrative livelihood by the cultivation of the soil. His family consisted of eleven children, as follows: Benjamin, Mary, Sarah, John, Levi, Mattie, Lydia, Naomi, James, Samuel and William.

Benjamin Barto (father) was born in Muncy, Lycoming county,

Pennsylvania, in 1831. He chose for his life work the occupations of farming and lumbering, which he has successfully followed up to the present time (1905), now residing on a farm of seventy-one acres in Anthony township, which he owns and operates. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Cook, a native of Anthony township, bore him fifteen children, all but one of whom attained years of maturity: Kate, John C., William, Lizzie, Emma, Lydia and Levi (twins), Mary, Eliza, Benjamin, Cordelia and Cora (twins), Estella, Miles and Clinton D. Barto. Mary (Cook) Barto was one of eight children, namely: Samuel, Lydia, Mary, William, Ann, Elizabeth, Kate and Emeline, born to John and Kate (Cress) Cook. John Cook was a resident of Anthony township, where he owned and operated a farm of one hundred and twenty-five acres of land.

John C. Barto was born in Piatt township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, May 8, 1858. He was reared and educated in Piatt and Mifflin townships, and has been a resident of the former continuously since 1890, in which year he purchased his present farm of one hundred and eighty acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. The esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens has been evidenced by the fact that he was chosen to fill the offices of school director and inspector of elections, in both of which he rendered valuable service. He adheres to the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, and is a staunch supporter of the principles of Democracy.

In 1880 Mr. Barto was united in marriage to Margaret E. Hoffman, daughter of Elias Hoffman. Their children are: Jennie, who became the wife of R. McKee, and they are the parents of one child, Burke McKee. Mary, wife of Charles Harmon, no issue. Sarah, Benjamin, Albert, Nellie, Lulu and Clyde Barto.

## FORREST B. DUNKLE.

Jersey Shore has no citizen whose name is at once more popular and more familiar than that of Forrest B. Dunkle. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Dunkle was a native of Germany, who, with four brothers, came to this country and found a home in Pennsylvania. On the maternal side Mr. Dunkle is of Scottish ancestry, his grandfather having emigrated to the United States from the "land of brown heath and shaggy wood."

Michael Dunkle, son of the emigrant ancestor, was born in Centre county, Pennsylvania, where he became a prominent farmer and citizen. He married Julia Carner, also a native of Centre county, and of the eleven children born to them the following arrived at maturity: Fremont, who lives at Beach Creek; Frank, who is a resident of Wellsboro; John, whose home is at Olean, New York; Ann, who is the wife of William B. Kitts, of Vanilla; William, who is a citizen of Jersey Shore; Forrest B., mentioned at length hereinafter; and Julia, who became the wife of J. W. Baily, and is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dunkle, the parents of these children, have both passed away.

Forrest B. Dunkle, son of Michael and Julia (Carner) Dunkle, was born in 1860, at Hublersburg, Centre county, Pennsylvania, and received his preparatory education in the common schools of his birth-place, afterward taking a course at the Central State Normal School. After completing his education he taught for four terms and then turned his attention to the hotel business, which he has successfully carried on for the last eighteen years. In 1890, being then a resident of Jersey Shore, he built the Dunkle Hotel, of which he has ever since been the proprietor. The structure is spacious and commodious, furnished with every appliance for comfort and convenience and conducted

in all respects in the most admirable manner. The proprietor is no less popular as a citizen than as a host, and has served as a member of the borough council.

Mr. Dunkle married, in 1889, Emma C. Crawford, and two sons have been born to them: Frank M., deceased; and George W. Mrs. Dunkle is the daughter of George and Esther Crawford, the former a descendant of those Crawfords whose names have come down to us from the days of the colonies and who fought valiantly for the cause of independence in the Revolutionary war.

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#### LUTHER RAYHORN.

Luther Rayhorn, who is carrying on a flourishing meat business in Jersey Shore, is of German descent. His grandfather, Henry Rayhorn, who immigrated from Germany in 1833, accompanied by his children, located first in Baltimore, Maryland, but subsequently migrated to Wayne township, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, where he settled upon four hundred acres of wild land, and became a prosperous farmer. His first wife, who died in Germany, bore him four children, three of whom are named: John, Frederick, Christine. The maiden name of his second wife, whom he married in the United States, was Nancy Smith, and of this union there were no children. Frederick Rayhorn, Luther Rayhorn's father, was born in Germany, in 1819. He accompanied his father to Baltimore and thence to Wayne township, where he eventually became the owner of a good farm, and he attained prosperity in agricultural pursuits. He was twice married and of his union with his first wife, who was before marriage Nancy, daughter of Dorton Hunt, of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, there were six sons, three of whom are living, namely: Frederick, George and Frank. For his second wife

he married Martha Kissell, of Pine Creek township. The children of this union are Maggie (now Mrs. D. H. Youst), Henry J. and Luther (the subject of this sketch).

Luther Rayhorn was born in Clinton county, July 4, 1866. He was educated in the Woolrich public schools. Reared upon a farm he spent his summer in tilling the soil and in the winter season he was employed in the lumbering industry. This routine of labor he continued to follow until 1895, when he came to Jersey Shore and here learned the butcher's trade. He subsequently spent a year in Bloomsburg and three years in Canmal, working at his trade. In 1902 he purchased the property of L. C. Thompson in Jersey Shore, where he engaged in the wholesale and retail meat business, and is now one of the leading butchers in this locality. In addition to his selling establishment he carries on a slaughter house and a sausage factory.

Mr. Rayhorn is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In 1897 he married Miss Anna B. Kline, daughter of J. R. and Elizabeth Kline.

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#### WILLIAM E. GANN.

That branch of the Gann family represented by William E. Gann, of Oval, was planted in Lycoming county by John Gann, a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania. He moved to Milton, later to Lewisburg, thence to Dry Valley, and finally to the Nippenose valley, which he reached in 1808, having made the journey thither by canoe and Indian trail. He first settled at what is now Oval, where he remained six years, and then moved to what is known as the "old Gann homestead," consisting of three hundred acres, which he purchased at one dollar and a quarter per acre.



Mr. Gann married, at Milton, Catherine Christ, and the following children were born to them: Harry; Jacob; John; George; Andrew; Lewis; Israel, mentioned at length hereinafter; and Elizabeth. The father of the family died at the age of seventy-two, while his widow lived to be over eighty-five.

Israel Gann, son of John and Catherine (Christ) Gann, was born in 1816, on the homestead, in Limestone township, and was a successful farmer, accumulating considerable property. He married Leah Moore, a native of Gibraltar, Berks county, Pennsylvania, and their children were: Levi; Amanada, deceased; Catherine; Joseph; Abraham; William E., mentioned at length hereinafter; Susanna, deceased; and Ida J. Mr. Gann died in 1871.

William E. Gann, son of Israel and Leah (Moore) Gann, was born July 5, 1850, in the Nippenose valley, and was educated in his native county and township. His early life, up to his twenty-first year, was spent on the farm. From 1871 to 1875 he was engaged in the sale of musical instruments, and in 1876 he purchased a small farm of fifty acres which he subsequently sold in order to become agent for a nursery. This position he filled successfully until 1881, and in 1882 returned to the musical instrument business, which he carried on until 1886. He then became for three years a farmer and in 1888 he took a trip through the south. In 1889 he bought his present farm of three hundred and ninety acres, where, in addition to general farming, he raises tobacco, devoting about three acres to the cultivation of that crop. In this venture he has been eminently successful. He has built for himself a finely constructed modern house, which has been his home for the last fifteen years. His fellow citizens have chosen him to fill several minor township offices, among them those of tax collector and supervisor.

Mr. Gann married, June 14, 1877, Annie E., daughter of Robert

F. and Mary E. Hornler, and the following children have been born to them: Grace E.; Ruth A.; Susie I.; Mary C., who is the wife of Ivan Marks; Daniel E.; Carrie M.; Martha W.; and Jessie B

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LEWIS P. LOSE.

The grandfather of Lewis P. Lose, of Oval, was John Lose, who married Mary ———, by whom he was the father of seven children; among them a son, Benjamin, who was born in 1820, in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

From his native county Benjamin Lose moved to Crawford township, Clinton county, where he spent nine years. He was a fencemaker of some reputation and possessed much inventive genius. During the autumn it was his custom to engage in business as a butcher, and seeing the necessity of making sausage in a way more rapid than was then possible, he invented one of the finest and most complete meat grinders ever used by the public. While in Clinton county he purchased fifty-six acres of farming land. In March, 1857, he moved to Lycoming county, settling in the Nippenose valley, where he bought, at various times and places, land to the amount of three hundred and sixty acres. For sixteen years he followed the threshing business with success. He held several township offices and was at one time recording secretary of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he was a member.

Mr. Lose married, November 17, 1844, Mary Williams, born in 1822, in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, and their children were: Lewis P., mentioned at length hereinafter; Maria C., who is the wife of Mr. Burtnett, of Williamsport; Rachel A., who married Mr. Wagner, of Montgomery; and Levi C. These four are the survivors of a family of

seven children. Mr. Lose died July 1, 1901, and his widow expired February 2, 1905.

Lewis P. Lose, son of Benjamin and Mary (Williams) Lose, was born in 1846, in the Nitney valley, and was eleven years old when the family migrated to the Nippenose valley. He owns and cultivates a farm of one hundred acres of good and productive land which formed part of his father's property. In politics he is a Republican, as his father was before him. He holds the office of trustee in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he and his wife are members, and is also secretary of the Sunday school.

Mr. Lose married, December 31, 1865, Esther A. Dentler. Of this marriage there is no issue.



#### WILLIAM A. DOUGHERTY.

The family of which William A. Dougherty, of Collomsville, is a member was planted in the United States by Charles Dougherty, who emigrated from Ireland and settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. He was the father of two children: Elizabeth, who became the wife of Philip Wert, of Jamaica county, Pennsylvania; and Daniel, mentioned at length hereinafter.

Daniel Dougherty, son of Charles Dougherty, was born July 23, 1803, in Lancaster county, and was a blacksmith by trade. About 1837 he migrated to Lycoming county and purchased four hundred acres of land from a Mr. Clark, one of the earlier settlers. This land, with the help of his sons, Mr. Dougherty cleared. He held various township offices and came within two votes of being nominated for county commissioner by the Republican party, of which he was an ardent supporter. In religious belief he was a Dunkard.

Mr. Dougherty married Elizabeth Brand, who was born October 14, 1803, in Lancaster county, and of their thirteen children eleven grew to maturity, among them a son, Henry, mentioned at length hereinafter. Two other sons, Daniel and Abraham, are the only members of the family now living. The death of Mr. Dougherty occurred March 8, 1869, and his widow survived him little more than a year, passing away April 14, 1870.

Henry Dougherty, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Brand) Dougherty, was born in 1836, in Lancaster county, and was but one year old when his parents moved to the Nippenose valley. His trade was that of a carpenter and he engaged in the manufacture of lumber in various places. His home and the scene of his labors was Perry county. About 1870 he purchased the mill which is now the property of his son, William A. Dougherty, and operated it during the remainder of his life.

Mr. Dougherty married Susannah Hoffman, a native of Perry county, and the following children were born to them: Edward F.; Kirk M.; William A., mentioned at length hereinafter; Eleanor, deceased; and Jenetta G., also deceased. Mr. Dougherty died March 22, 1892, and the death of his widow occurred June 8, 1897.

William A. Dougherty, son of Henry and Susannah (Hoffman) Dougherty, was born October 10, 1865, in Perry county, and was educated in the common schools of Collomsville. Under the supervision of his father he turned his attention to the manufacture of lumber, a fact which accounts for his thorough knowledge of the business. In 1899 he bought of John Engler the mill which the latter had purchased of Henry Dougherty, who had operated it for about twenty years. This mill is situated about one-half mile southwest of Collomsville and is furnished with both water and steam power, fifteen-horse power of the former and twenty-five-horse power of the latter. He has added a

cider press with a capacity of seventy-five barrels per day. He was on one occasion elected by his neighbors to the office of auditor of the township, and is a Republican in politics.

Mr. Dougherty married, in 1895, Nora Kline, and four children have been born to them, three of whom are living: Ralph E., Martha E., and Evelyn M.

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OLIVER J. DECKER.

The pioneer ancestor of the Decker family was Alexander Decker, who came to America from Germany in 1834 and settled in Armstrong township. He followed farming as a means of livelihood and by dint of industry, perseverance and thrift, characteristics of the German race, accumulated considerable property in that section. He and his family, as all of their descendants have since been, were members of the Lutheran church. He died in March, 1878. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Herman, bore him the following children:

Catharine, deceased, who was the wife of John Lehman, of Clinton county, Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth B., deceased, who became the wife of George Schmohl, of Vandalia, Illinois.

Henrietta, deceased, who became the wife of Jacob Sweeley, of this county.

Gottlieb F., who married Mary Fousel, the issue of which union was as follows: Alexander G. and Albert P., both of this county; Edward J., of Philadelphia; and Clara A., intermarried with H. H. Lampe, of Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Henry, deceased, who resided at Montgomery, and who was married to Mary Hurr. They were the parents of twelve children, as follows: Henry, Rosanna (deceased), Catharine, Alexander, William,

George, Mary, John, Frank, Edward, Albert and Isaac C. Henry Decker was the largest holder of real estate in Montgomery, and was also perhaps more largely interested in her industries than any other person in the history of the borough.

John C., now residing in South Williamsport, who married Julia R. Fousel. They have four children, as follows: Alice E., William A., Henry P., and Oliver J. John C. Decker owns considerable property in the county, as well as being interested in several business enterprises.

Oliver J. Decker was born in Armstrong township February 2, 1879. He received his early education in the public schools of the district, later attending the Lycoming County Normal School and Bucknell Academy, from which he graduated in 1895. He graduated from Bucknell University in the class of '99, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. During his college course he took the Class of '71 Prize for excellence in Latin and Mathematics, and also the Essay Prize. At graduation he was a Commencement speaker. He also attended the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania. He was registered as a law student in Williamsport in the office of James B. Krause, Esq., and was admitted to the bar of Lycoming county October 27, 1902, since which time he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Williamsport. He is a member of Messiah's Lutheran Church, of South Williamsport.

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#### CLINTON BORTLE McCULLOUGH.

The paternal grandfather of Clinton Bortle McCullough, of Jersey Shore, was William J. McCullough, born in 1812, in Belfast, Ireland. At the age of twenty-one or twenty-two he emigrated to the United



States and settled in Ulster county, New York, where he became a prominent lumberman.

Mr. McCullough married, in his native country, Mary Wilson, who was born in Ireland, about 1823, and their children were: 1. Thomas, resides below Jersey Shore. 2. Edward, of Cogan Valley. 3. Jennie, widow of Adam Jacky, of Philadelphia. 4. Josephine (twin to Jennie), deceased. 5. John, killed in the backwoods. 6. Robert, mentioneed at length hereinafter; and four others who died young. Mr. McCullough, the father, died in 1862, at Kingston, New York, and his widow passed away in December, 1868.

Robert McCullough, son of William J. and Mary (Wilson) McCullough, was born December 18, 1843, in the state of New York, where he attended the public schools. After leaving school he went west, where, for three years, he was employed on a farm. In 1862 he returned to his native state and began working as a tanner. In 1867 he went to Gouldsboro, Pennsylvania, where he was foreman in a tannery, and whence, in 1874, he moved to Salladasburg, where he purchased a tannery owned by the Gamble Brothers. The output of this tannery was from eight thousand to nine thousand sides per year and gave employment to about seventy-five men. He continued the business until about 1885, when he moved to Jersey Shore, where he now conducts one of the largest general stores in the place. He is vice-president and director of the Jersey Shore Banking Company.

Mr. McCullough takes great interest in the progress of his adopted town, and in connection with Hamilton B. Humes furnished half the money for the Jersey Shore Electric Street Railway. Mr. McCullough is one of the charter members of this organization, in which, at one time, he held the office of vice president. He is president of the Jersey Shore & Antesfort Railroad Company, president of the Pennsylvania

Steam Coal & Coke Company, president of the Cammal and Black Forest Railway, and formerly held this office in the Larry's Creek Plank Road Company. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity and he and his family are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. McCullough married, in 1867, Helen, daughter of Harrison and Catharine Bortle, of Delaware county, New York, and they are the parents of three children: Clinton Bortle, mentioned at length hereinafter; Harry W., also mentioned at length hereinafter; and Catharine, born at Gouldsboro, wife of Lee Lasmer, manager of the McCullough general store, Jersey Shore. They have no children.

Clinton Bortle McCullough, son of Robert and Helen (Bortle) McCullough, was born May 30, 1870. In 1893 he was employed by his father in the tannery at Salladasburg, in 1894 began surveying for the United States Leather Company, and in 1895 was chief engineer in the building of the Cammal & Black Forest Railroad.

In 1901 he moved to Jersey Shore and became associated with the Jersey Shore Electric Company in the capacity of manager. He is now secretary and manager of the Jersey Shore & Antisfort Railway, and treasurer of the Pennsylvania Steam Coal & Coke Company, West Virginia. He holds the offices of secretary and treasurer in the Potaw Coal & Mercantile Company and in the Port Smith, Potaw & Western Railroad Company.

Following are the fraternal organizations to which he belongs with the dates of his admission: La Belle Valley Lodge, No. 232, F. and A. M., March 9, 1900; Lycoming Chapter, January 14, 1902; Council, No. 26, June 24, 1902; Baldwin Commandery No. 22, April 17 1902; Williamsport Consistory, March 31, 1900; and Irem Temple, April 25, 1901. He is also a member of the Golden Eagles, Jersey Shore. He attends the Presbyterian church, of which his wife is a member.

Mr. McCullough married in 1893, Andella M., born at Salladasburg, daughter of F. W. and Martha Fetter, of Jersey Shore, and they have one child: Robert, Jr., born July 24, 1896, at Cammal, Pennsylvania.

Harry W. McCullough, son of Robert and Helen (Bortle) McCullough, was born December 1, 1874, at Salladasburg, where he attended the common schools from which he passed to the Jersey Shore high school, which was then controlled by the Presbyterian church. He was employed by his father in the tannery and as clerk in the general store. He has filled the office of auditor of Salladasburg.

Mr. McCullough married, July 7, 1892, Rachel, born at Jersey Shore, daughter of Charles and Jemima (Schewer) Bubbs, both deceased, late of Jersey Shore. Mr. and Mrs. McCullough are the parents of two children: Helen, born August 9, 1894; and Harry, born January 28, 1897.

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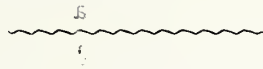
#### NILS LARSON.

By birth and parentage Nils Larson, of Okome, is a Swede. His father, Lars Gust Larson, married Christine ———, by whom he had five children: Caroline; Nils, mentioned at length hereinafter; Beata; Charlotte; and Andrew. After the death of his wife he married Christine ———, to whom two daughters were born: Augusta and Hulda. The children of both marriages, with the exception of Caroline, are residents and citizens of the United States. Mr. Larson, the father of the family, died in his native country.

Nils Larson, son of Lars Gust and Christine Larson, was born in 1853, in Sweden, and in 1872 emigrated to the United States. After prospecting in various parts of the country he found his

way to Williamsport and settled on the south side, where he erected a house. In 1888 he exchanged this property for a farm in McHenry township owned by Neals Parson, his fellow-countryman. The estate consists of one hundred and eleven acres of farming land, about sixty of which have been brought, by the intelligent industry of the owner, into a high state of cultivation. Since he has occupied this farm he has been elected supervisor of the township, an office which he now holds.

Mr. Larson married, in 1882, Anna Carlson, who was born in 1857, in Sweden, and in 1884 emigrated to the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Larson are the parents of the following children: Charles; Hilmer; Jennie; Augustus; Frank; and Walter.



#### ABNER CONNOR.

Abner Connor, one of the worthy citizens of Cummings township, and a farmer of considerable experience and ability, is a native of Cammal, McHenry township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, born May 27, 1842.

John Connor, father of Abner Connor, was born on Sugar Island, in Pine Creek, Pennsylvania, in 1824, and died February, 1896, aged seventy-two years. He was a farmer and lumberman, and a most estimable and public-spirited citizen. He married for his first wife Emily Campbell, a native of Cammal, Lycoming county, who bore him three children: Abner, Jane and a deceased infant. Her death occurred in 1844. He married for his second wife Lillie Work, and their children were: Miles, deceased; Mary, deceased; Ellen; Ann; Martha, deceased; Emma, deceased; and Ellis, deceased.

The parents of Abner Connor moved to English Mills, Cummings township, Lycoming county, when he was two years of age and he was

reared and educated in that vicinity. His life since then has been spent in Cummings township, where he has, like most of his neighbors, turned his attention to farming in summer and lumbering in winter, and thus his career has been useful and profitable. In 1867 he purchased his present farm of one hundred acres, which he has improved and beautified. He has built two fine houses thereon; the first was destroyed by fire in 1888, and the second by the flood of 1889. He is now living in the third house, which was improvised for the time being out of the wreck which remained of some of his out-buildings. While thousands of dollars were lost in the flood by the destruction of his dwelling house, one hundred and sixty apple trees and thirty acres of his farm, yet he is not discouraged, but keeps working steadily on to retrieve a portion of the loss. His fellow citizens have chosen him to fill the office of supervisor of Cummings township, in which capacity he is serving most honorably and acceptably.

Mr. Connor, like many other brave and loyal citizens of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, when the state and nation needed men, tried and true, volunteered his services in the Civil war, enlisting in 1861 as a private in the Fifth Pennsylvania Reserve for three years. He participated in many battles, among them being the following: First and second battles of Bull Run, seven days before Richmond, Antietam, Fredericks City and Fredericksburg. He was transferred to Battery A, First Pennsylvania Artillery. He was wounded twice, receiving a bayonet pierce in the neck and a ball in his left leg. He was honorably discharged from the service of the United States government in 1863, whereupon he returned to his chosen vocation and life of usefulness. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Post No. 349, of Jersey Shore.

Mr. Connor married, June 8, 1863, Sarah Parker, born January



11, 1842, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Parker, and their children are John H., born in 1864; Lizzie, 1866; Alvin A., 1868; Miles T., 1871; George M., 1874; and Emma J., 1880. Sylvester and Sarah Parker, grandparents of Mrs. Connor, were natives of Connecticut, followed farming as an occupation, and were the parents of ten children. Henry and Elizabeth Parker, parents of Mrs. Connor, were natives of Muncy, Pennsylvania, and their family consisted of six children, namely: Mrs. Maria Buscher, Mrs. Lorena Navel, George, Harry, Sarah (Mrs. Abner Connor), and Mrs. Susan Buscher, deceased. They were all born in Cummings township. Henry Parker died in 1868, and his widow in 1888. Henry Parker followed farming and lumbering in his native town, and in 1843 moved to Cummings township, where he followed the same lines of business.



#### MICHAEL SECHLER.

Michael Sechler, a prosperous farmer of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, where he has resided since 1868, is a descendant of a German ancestry, his great-grandfather having emigrated from that country at an early date, settling in Chester county, Pennsylvania, where he reared a family, two of whom, Jacob and Michael, located in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, about the year 1798.

Michael Sechler (grandfather) was a potter by trade and manufactured crockery on his farm. He was active and prominent in the affairs of the community, served as justice of the peace for many years, and during the Revolutionary war served as one of the body-guards of General Washington. He was united in marriage to Rebecca Lowe, and in 1802 they settled on a farm where the borough of Montgomery is now located, and there they reared a family of eight children, as fol-



lows: William, Abraham, Antis, Rebecca, Mary, John, Catherine and Olivia. During the "Big Runaway" Mrs. Sechler was among those who escaped by canoes from their homes along the Susquehanna river, and found protection at Fort Augusta.

Abraham Sechler (father) was a farmer by occupation, an active and public-spirited citizen, and was honored by his townsmen by election to the office of justice of the peace, in which capacity he served for several years. In 1854 he removed with his family with the exception of one son, Michael, to White Rock, Illinois, where they were regular attendants of the Baptist church. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Bower, bore him twelve children, namely: William, John, Michael, Elizabeth, Antis, Joseph, Rebecca, Mary, James, Abraham, Dallis and Sarah.

Michael Sechler, third son of Abraham and Sarah (Bower) Sechler, was born in Clinton township, June 6, 1827. At the age of twenty, after completing a common school education, he accepted a clerkship in a store, continuing the same until 1852, when he engaged in business on his own account at New Columbia, Union county. At the expiration of two years' time he returned to Clinton township, conducted the same line of business until 1857, in which year he was elected to the office of register and recorder for a term of three years, during which time he performed his various duties with the greatest efficiency. He then purchased a farm in Armstrong township which he operated successfully until 1865, then removed to Williamsport, remaining until 1868, and then took up his residence in Montgomery, where he has resided ever since, being the owner of two valuable farms, the products of which yield him a goodly return for his labors. Mr. Sechler has also served as justice of the peace for many years, having been elected on the Democratic ticket, the principles of which he has always firmly adhered to.

In 1857 Mr. Sechler married Katherine Porter, daughter of Robert and Nancy Porter, residents of Lycoming county for many years, the former named having been born in Ireland in 1790 and accompanied his parents to this country when two years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Porter were the parents of five other children, as follows: George W.; James, deceased; Rachel; Hannah, who became the wife of Luke Egar, a resident of Clinton township, and their children are: Rachel, Kate, Nancy, Robert P., Charlotte and Fannie Egar; Frank, who married Charlotte Piatt, and resides in Clinton township. The following named children were the issue of the union of Mr. and Mrs. Sechler: Anna E., born January 14, 1858; Robert C., born December 8, 1859, married Fanny Seadam, and one child has been born to them, Robert P., May 17, 1902; they reside in Montgomery, and Mr. Sechler is engaged in the planing mill; Sarah, born December 9, 1861; Nellie, deceased; and Lottie, deceased. Mrs. Sechler, mother of these children, died August 22, 1880.

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#### WILSON PERSUN.

Wilson Persun, a highly esteemed resident of Montoursville, a son of Henry and Lucy (Potter) Persun, was born in Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1840. He is a descendant of an old and honored German ancestry.

Henry Persun (father) was born in New Jersey, October 12, 1808, and there spent his boyhood and early manhood days. In 1838 he migrated to Cherry township, Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, residing there until 1858, a period of twenty years, when he removed to Lycoming county, where the remainder of his days were spent. On December 15, 1834, he was united in marriage to Lucy Potter, who bore him

eleven children: George, Rachel, Delilah, Wilson, mentioned hereinafter; Albert, who served four years in the Twenty-eighth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers; Maria; Freeman, who went as a substitute just before the close of the war; Hester; Charles W.; Rose; and another child who died in infancy. Mr. Persun died February 24, 1883, aged seventy-four years, preceded by his wife, July 28, 1882, aged sixty-seven years.

Wilson Persun attended the common schools of his birthplace, and after laying aside his school books turned his attention to farming, which occupation he has made his life-work, and by perseverance and tireless industry he has made his farm one of the most productive in a section which is noted for fruitfulness and fertility. He has always manifested a deep interest in public affairs, and for the past twenty years has served his township in the capacity of school director, assessor and tax collector. His patriotism and love of country was evidenced by the fact that he was willing to sacrifice his life if need be in the dark period of the nation's history, the Civil war. He enlisted in the Third Regiment, Heavy Artillery, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served two years and nine months. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, of the Grange, and a Republican in his political affiliations.

On July 4, 1867, Mr. Persun married Mandy Stryker, daughter of Isaac and Mary Stryker, and their children were as follows: Mary Alice, born March 5, 1868, became the wife of Frederick Hiller, and their children are: Ersul, Harry and Robert Hiller. Harriet, born June 30, 1870, became the wife of William Yocum, and their children are: Royman, Lestie, Clarence, Ellwood, Frederick and Ersul Yocum. Clara V., born August 27, 1873, became the wife of James Riley. Clyde, born November 2, 1876, resides at home.

## ROBERT M. HUSTON.

Robert M. Huston, a late resident of Muncy, Pennsylvania, was born June 16, 1833, in Pennsdale, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, a son of James and Rachel (Clayton) Huston, and died February 2, 1897. He acquired his education in the common schools adjacent to his home, and throughout his active career discharged all the duties devolving upon him in a highly creditable and efficient manner.

He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Lilley, born in Muncy, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1860, a daughter of John and Esther (Gilbert) Lilley, whose family consisted of other children, namely: Susan, Amanda, Emerson, Aaron, Esther, and Matilda Lilley. John Lilley (father) was born in Clinton township, Pennsylvania. Four children were the issue of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Huston, as follows: Mary, born September 16, 1882, became the wife of the Rev. John Reyder, a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and they are the parents of one child, Robert Huston Reyder. Estelle, born August 22, 1884. R. Quay, born November 4, 1885. James, born April 9, 1888. The three younger children reside at home with their mother, who is living in the same house to which she was brought as a bride. The family are highly respected in the community.

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LANCASTER D. HERRITT.

One of the stirring business men of Jersey Shore is Lancaster D. Herritt. Mr. Herritt is the son of William Herritt, who was born in Lycoming county and has always led the life of a farmer. He married Harriet Dusenberry, a native of Pen Yan, New York, and the following children were born to them: 1. Olive Louise, who is the wife of James Cox, of Pittsburg. 2. Lancaster D., mentioned at length here-

inafter. 3. Emma J., who graduated from Lock Haven Normal school, later took a course at the Teachers' Training school, Edinboro, Pennsylvania, and has been for eleven years a teacher in the Hazleton schools. 4. William T., deceased. 5. Harry L., who is associated in business with his brother, Lancaster D. 6. Charles R., who is a merchant in Waterville. 7. Raymond T., who is at home. Mr. and Mrs. Herritt, the parents of these children, now reside at Jersey Shore.

Lancaster D. Herritt, son of William and Harriet (Dusenberry) Herritt, was born in 1865, at Waterville, Lycoming county, and received his early education at his native place, subsequently taking a course at a business college in Williamsport. In 1891 he went into the lumber business at Waterville, and followed that calling in various places until 1899, when he removed to Jersey Shore. In 1901 he established himself in business as a wholesale and retail dealer in lumber and all builders' supplies, adding this to his already flourishing business. As a manufacturer of lumber he operates several saw-mills situated in various places where he has large tracts of lumber land varying from one thousand to fifteen thousand acres each. He employs from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five men the year round. Politically he is a Republican in national issues, but in local matters an independent, always considering the merits of the candidate without relation to party.

Mr. Herritt married, June, 1895, Carrie M., daughter of Robert and Matilda Maffet, of Williamsport, and four children have been born to them: Helen; Frances Louise; Hamilton; and Geraldine.

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JOHN NEVINS, M. D.

Dr. John Nevins, deceased, one of the early physicians of Oil City, Venango county, and later of Montoursville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born in the state of Vermont, February 13, 1802.



When he was about six years of age his parents removed to the vicinity of Silver Lake, New York, where he was reared and educated, later taking up the study of medicine, which profession he followed throughout the active years of his career, achieving prominence and success. He removed from New York state to Oil City, Venango county, Pennsylvania, where he resided until 1865, in which year he came to Lycoming county, settling in Montoursville.

Dr. Nevins was married twice. His first wife, whose maiden name was Esther Brown, bore him the following named children: Byron, born July 4, 1845, deceased; Alice, October 29, 1847; Emma, 1848, deceased; Mary, December 4, 1851; John, August 9, 1853; Harriet, May 20, 1855; Adalaide, May 23, 1857; Emmaline, September 15, 1859; Adeline and Ida (twins), December, 1860, the latter named being now deceased.

On May 2, 1866, Dr. Nevins was united in marriage to Eliza Shinkle, who was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, November 13, 1830, a daughter of John and Mary Shinkle. When ten years of age, Eliza Shinkle accompanied her parents to Union county, Pennsylvania, where she resided until nineteen years old, when she came to Montoursville, Lycoming county, where she has made her home ever since. At the present time (1904) she is living in her own comfortable home on Washington street, where she has resided for the past thirteen years. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Montoursville, and a most estimable woman in every respect, esteemed and respected by a wide circle of friends. One child has been the issue of this union: David Shinkle Nevins, born August 30, 1869, employed as a finisher in the furniture factory, and resides with his mother on Washington street. He was united in marriage to Minne Collins, daughter of Henry Nelsa Collins.



## WALTER J. ARTLEY.

Walter J. Artley, an esteemed and respected citizen of Montoursville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he has resided for almost a quarter of a century, was born May 6, 1860, in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, a son of Abram and Margaret (Bannet) Artley.

Abram Artley (father) was also a native of Tioga county, Pennsylvania, residing at the present time (1904) in the old homestead, at Liberty, with his wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Bannet. They are the parents of four children, all of whom were reared to become active and useful citizens of the great commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The names of their children are as follows: Walter J., mentioned at length hereinafter; Emma, who became the wife of John Taylor, and nine children have been the issue of this union; William T., who married a Miss Stailey, and two children have been born to them; and Mary, who became the wife of Dr. James Bitter, and their family consists of four children.

Walter J. Artley was indebted to the common schools of Tioga county for a practical education, which has been a potent factor in the success which has attended his efforts. He resided with his parents until he attained his majority, after which he started out to earn a livelihood for himself. His first practical experience was gained by selling pictures, later he added from time to time other articles, and at the present date (1904) is extensively engaged in the sale of wagons. He is a practical, thoroughgoing business man, and his energy and enterprise have been rewarded with large financial gain. Mr. Artley is a member of the Lutheran church, an adherent of the Democratic party, and actively connected with the Protective Order Sons of America.

On March 11, 1886, Mr. Artley was united in marriage to Haner-

ate S. Edler, daughter of Christian and Charlotte Edler. Their children are: Lottie May, born September 26, 1887; Edith Myrtle, born July 26, 1889; Henry Edler, born September 19, 1891; and Clarence Rue, born September 9, 1897. These children are now students in the public schools of Montoursville.

Christian Edler, father of Mrs. Walter J. Artley, was born in Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, February 16, 1821. He was reared and educated in his native town, and on October 27, 1846, married Catharine Follmer, who was born December 29, 1822, and died two weeks after the birth of her daughter, Catharine Jane, born September 6, 1846. Mr. Edler married for his second wife Charlotte Follmer, a sister of his first wife, the ceremony being performed on July 26, 1849. Their children were: William Follmer, born August 26, 1850, married Rosa Pubb, who bore him two children: Jannice May and Augusta Wallia, and died June 24, 1889; Mary Noville, born November 1, 1852, became the wife of William Tule, and their children are: Barrows H., Robert N. and Lottie E.; Joseph S., born December 31, 1854, died March 2, 1857; aged two years, two months and two days; Clara Amelia, born March 1, 1857, became the wife of Daniel Keeler, and mother of six children.

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DANIEL C. GRIGGS.

Among the highly cultivated and therefore productive farms of Montgomery, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, which give ample evidence of the care and labor bestowed upon them, is the one owned by Daniel C. Griggs, son of Jayson and Sarah Griggs, who was born December 15, 1815, acquired a common school education in the vicinity of his birthplace, and since attaining manhood has cast his vote with the Republican party. For the long period of thirty-five years he has re-

sided in Montgomery, during which time he has witnessed a constant growth and development of all its interests.

Mr. Griggs was united in marriage to Mary Ann Edener, and the issue of this union was the following named children: William, born January 24, 1842, died January 24, 1902; Sarah J., born April 16, 1846, became the wife of William Schooley, and they are the parents of one child, Griggs Schooley, born July 16, 1879; they reside in Montgomery; Margaret A., born May 8, 1848, became the wife of Antis P. Sechler, and their children are: Griggs, Adella, Rebecca and Bertie Sechler; the family reside in Clarence, Arkansas; Hannah E., born July 8, 1850; Emma, born October 31, 1853; Anna R., born April 24, 1857, became the wife of Samuel Seibert, and two children were born to them; Bertha, who was burned to death; and Ella, who resides at Roaring Springs, near Altoona, Pennsylvania; Mr. and Mrs. Seibert reside at Newberry, near Williamsport, Pennsylvania.



#### GEORGE HELFRICH GOOD.

The family of which George H. Good, a farmer of Muncy, Pennsylvania, is a representative was founded in this country by three brothers, who emigrated hither from Switzerland during the period immediately antecedent to the American Revolution. Jacob Good, one of the three brothers, settled near Allentown, Pennsylvania, and there followed farming. He married a Miss Troxel and reared a family of eleven children: Peter, Daniel, John, Henry, Mary, Andrew, Salome, Jacob, Lawrence, Catherine and Susan.

Daniel Good, second son of Jacob Good, was reared in Allentown, and resided there until about three years after his marriage to Catherine Helfrich, of Allentown, when he purchased a farm near Bloomsburg,

Pennsylvania, whence they came to the vicinity of Penn's Dale, Lycoming county, in 1832, and located upon a farm of one hundred and thirty-six acres purchased by Mr. Good the previous year, whereon they passed the remainder of their lives. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Good were as follows: Michael, Annie, Catherine, Daniel, Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah, Lydia and Amelia. The family were consistent members of the Lutheran church. Daniel Good died in 1855, aged sixty-nine years.

Michael Good, eldest son of Daniel Good, was born near Allentown, Pennsylvania, June 7, 1813. In 1855 he purchased the homestead farm near Penn's Dale, whereon he erected a number of new buildings which greatly improved the property. He labored earnestly to improve the public school system in his district, and was a foremost agent in the promotion of every material and moral interest. He cast his vote for the candidates of the Republican party. He married, October 28, 1841, Sarah Beeber, eldest daughter of Valentine Beeber, of Muncy, and their children were: Harriet Elizabeth, deceased; Daniel Franklin, who served a short time in the war of the rebellion; John Irvin, deceased; George Helfrich, mentioned hereinafter; Michael Horace; William Valentine; Sarah Jane, who became the wife of D. M. Keller, veterinary surgeon, Williamsport; Mary Emma, deceased; Charles Rollin, veterinary surgeon; and Margaret Alice Good. Mr. and Mrs. Good, who were members of the Lutheran church, died June 6, 1877, aged sixty-four years, and December 15, 1877, aged fifty-eight years, respectively.

George H. Good, third son of Michael and Sarah (Beeber) Good, was born on the homestead farm in Penn's Dale, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1849. He acquired his education in the common schools in the neighborhood of his home, and in February, 1889, purchased his father's farm, whereon he resided until his death, in 1896, and

on which his widow now resides with her son, who is managing the homestead farm.

Mr. Good was married March 10, 1875, to Sarah Ann Bonine, born July 28, 1849, daughter of Archibald and Elizabeth Bonine, who were the parents of three other children, namely: Mary E., deceased; Susan E., and Alice. Archibald Bonine was a native of Philadelphia, and resided for many years in Muncy. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Good: Edith Elizabeth, May 20, 1876, resides with her mother; and Archibald Beeber, September 2, 1880, who resides on the old homestead. He married Bertha Myers, and they are the parents of two children: Beatrice A., born June 7, 1900; and George D., born May 16, 1904.

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JOHN S. SHIPMAN.

John S. Shipman, a prosperous agriculturist of Muncy, Pennsylvania, where he has conducted extensive operations since 1889, is a native of Moreland township, the date of his birth being March 24, 1831. His parents were Jacob and Caroline (Britton) Shipman, his grandparents were John and Charlotte (La Rue) Shipman, and his great-grandfather was Jacob Shipman, who came with his family from Essex county, New Jersey, where he located upon his arrival from Holland, and settled upon a tract of two hundred acres in Moreland township.

Jacob Shipman (father) was born in New Jersey. For many years he followed farming as a means of livelihood. He was not a member of any church organization, but supported and aided in the building of many churches. By his marriage to Caroline Britton, who was born March 24, 1800, the following named children were born: Margaret, July 17, 1821; Amos, October 28, 1824; Charlotte, May 24, 1827; Elmira, April 17, 1829; John S., March 24, 1831; Sarah Ann, March 20,

1833; Lucie, August 5, 1835; and Mary Jane, March 10, 1841. Jacob Shipman, father of these children, died August 12, 1888; he survived his wife many years, her death occurring September 16, 1872.

John S. Shipman attended the common schools in the vicinity of his home, and thus qualified himself for a life of usefulness and activity. His time and attention has been devoted exclusively to farming, and the neat and thrifty appearance of his broad acres with their substantial out-buildings indicate the supervision of a master hand. His residence is also well looked after by his sister, who acts in the capacity of house-keeper for him, he being unmarried. Mr. Shipman holds membership in the Lutheran church of Muncy, and his political affiliations are with the Democratic party.

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#### JOSEPH F. MICHAEL.

Joseph F. Michael, a highly esteemed resident of Muncy Creek township, where for many years he has occupied a prominent place among the leading business men, was born in Wolf township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1834, a son of Peter and Esther (Shoemaker) Michael, and a grandson of Peter Michael, a man of good intellectual attainments, who for a number of years served in the capacity of school teacher. At the time of his death he was a highly esteemed resident of Muncy borough, being about sixty-five or sixty-six years of age.

Peter Michael (father) was born in the vicinity of Shamokin, Pennsylvania. After laying aside his school books he served an apprenticeship at the trade of cabinet making, which he followed for many years in connection with undertaking, that being the custom in those early days, but finally he turned his attention to farming, conducting



his operations in Muncy Creek township, Lycoming county. During his early manhood he carried mail on the route from Muncy to Hills Grove and Monroton, Pennsylvania. He cast his vote with the Democratic party, to which organization he gave his allegiance upon attaining his majority. By his marriage to Esther Shoemaker the following named children were born: Rebecca, who became the wife of Hiram T. McCarty, of Muncy Creek township; Joseph F., mentioned hereinafter; Mary, who became the wife of John Houseknecht, of Moreland township; Oliver P., deceased, a late resident of Muncy Creek; Sarah A., who became the wife of Jacob Shade, of Turbutville; Henrietta, who became the wife of Henry G. Opp, of Muncy Creek; Edward W., who served as sheriff of Lycoming county; and Alfred, of Hughesville, Pennsylvania. Peter Michael (father) died in 1880, and his wife passed away in 1879. They were consistent members of the Lutheran church.

Joseph F. Michael, whose name heads this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Muncy township, and after receiving a practical education, which prepared him for the active duties of life, at the age of sixteen, he first turned his attention to the tilling of the soil, remaining under the parental roof, on his father's farm, until twenty-three years of age. In the winter seasons he found employment in a distillery owned by Charles Shoemaker, where he gained a practical knowledge of the distilling business, serving in all about six winters. In 1859 he formed a partnership with John Tolbert and engaged in the manufacturing of brick in Muncy township, but after conducting a prosperous business for two years they decided to abandon that line of trade. The partners then built a distillery on Muncy creek, a short distance from the residence of Mr. Michael, but after a period of four years, during which

time their business prospered exceedingly, the plant was destroyed by fire and they then closed out the business.

In 1882 Mr. Michael purchased a piece of land two miles from Muncy, on the Clark Town road, consisting of fourteen acres, and engaged in the manufacturing of brick and drain tile; the plant was equipped with modern machinery and the product is of the very best quality. In the spring of 1905 Mr. Michael sold this plant to his son, Joseph Edward, who is now carrying on the business. In 1870 Mr. Michael purchased a tract of forty-one acres of good farm land from Alfred H. Hill on Muncy creek, near the borough of Muncy, and later purchased from the heirs of the Hill estate seventy-three acres more, purchasing all the interests of the heirs except one, and now has in all a farm of one hundred and fourteen acres. He erected thereon a fine brick house and large barn, which was destroyed by fire June 10, 1903, but which was subsequently replaced and which is now occupied by his son, John Michael. In 1894 Mr. Michael purchased from his brother, Oliver P. Michael, a farm of about two hundred and forty acres situated in the upper end of Muncy Creek township, about five miles from Muncy borough, on which he has made many improvements, the principal one being a large reservoir and wind mill which supplies the necessary water, and he has expended at least two thousand dollars in bringing the farm to its present high state of cultivation. His present residence, a large and beautiful white house, from which one can view the grand old Muncy valley, is situated on a plot of six and a half acres of land near the Clark Town bridge crossing Muncy creek, and was erected by Mr. Michael in 1872. In addition to the property already enumerated Mr. Michael is the owner of about one hundred acres of valuable land in Muncy Creek and Moreland townships. Mr. Michael has served as justice of the peace one term of five years, and as school di-

rector one term of three years. Politically he affiliates with the doctrines of the Democratic party, but sets aside party when it conflicts with the election of the man best qualified for office.

On November 8, 1860, Mr. Michael married Elizabeth Hoof, eldest daughter of John and Catherine (Mackey) Hoof, who were the parents of other children, namely: George, Mary, Samuel, John, Emma and Margaret Hoof. John Hoof was born in Neseopeck, Luzerne county, followed shoemaking for several years, and then turned his attention to the making of brick. For a period of four months after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Michael resided in Clarkstown, removing from there across the creek, where they have resided ever since. The following named children were the issue of this union: Cora, born August 31, 1861, became the wife of Samuel Hartley, and they reside in Turbutville, Northumberland county; John, born November 10, 1862, married Rebecca Beeber, and their children are: Grace, Chester, Beeber, Elizabeth, and Helen Esthe; Bertha, born March 22, 1866, became the wife of Henry Snyder, no issue; Margaret, born July 17, 1868, became the wife of Anson P. Starr, and their children are: Wilber, Elda, and Mildred; Esther, born September 25, 1870, died November 13, 1885; Joseph Edward, born April 3, 1874, married Lilian M. Presler, no issue; he is connected with an extensive brick yard and works. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church. They are highly respected in the community in which they have resided so many years.

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#### S. ELLSWORTH BICKELL, M. D.

Dr. S. Ellsworth Bickell, of Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, a leading member of the medical profession, is also held in high regard for his public-spirited and intelligent service to the community both in official

station and in a private capacity. He was born May 25, 1864, a son of Matthias and Elizabeth (Cohick) Bickell, and comes of a sturdy German ancestry.

John Bickell, his paternal grandfather, was a native of Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1830. Previous to his emigration he served as a soldier in the disastrous Russian campaign under the Great Napoleon, and of the twelve hundred members of the regiment only six returned alive to their homes. Upon his arrival in this country he took up his residence in the state of Pennsylvania, and subsequently settled at Block House, Tioga county, where he became the owner of forty acres of land, whereon he resided up to the time of his death, and where he followed his trade of gardener. He was a member of the Lutheran church, and in all his relations with his fellowmen endeavored to follow the teachings of the same. Mr. Bickell married for his first wife Dorothea Keltz and they became the parents of three children: John, George, and Catharine, whose births occurred in Germany, in which country they spent their entire lives. He married for his second wife Elizabeth Snyder, who bore him the following children: John, Matthias, Andrew, Mary, Hannah, Susan, Rachel and Sarah.

Matthias Bickell (father) was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, September 10, 1824. He accompanied his parents upon their removal from his native land, and was reared and educated in Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He served an apprenticeship at the trade of carpenter, which line of work he followed at Blossburg and Block House, Pennsylvania, and in the state of Ohio for many years. Subsequently he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, conducting his operations on a two hundred and ninety-five acre farm which he purchased in 1875 and on which he erected several substantial buildings. He was in every

respect a trustworthy citizen, and merited the respect of the community in which he resided. He was a member of the Christian church, a staunch adherent of the Republican party and affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Cohick, daughter of John Cohick, bore him the following children: Lydia, who became the wife of James Davidson; John, a resident of Michigan; Montgomery, a resident of Newberry, Pennsylvania; William, a resident of Porter township, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of E. Hemford; Joseph, a resident of Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania; Elmer; McClellan; S. Ellsworth, mentioned hereinafter; Grant; and Gearie.

S. Ellsworth Bickell spent the early years of his life in Piatt township, Lycoming county, and there acquired a practical education in the common schools, the knowledge thus gained being supplemented by attendance at the Jersey Shore Academy and the Muncy Normal School. He matriculated at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine, April 4, 1888. He began the active practice of his profession at Jersey Shore, where he still resides, and during the intervening years has built up a large and constantly increasing patronage and has also won the esteem of his fellow practitioners. He also serves in the capacity of surgeon and physician for the Beach Creek Railroad, and examining physician for the Prudential Insurance Company, the Penn Mutual Insurance Company, and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

Dr. Bickell has contributed in large degree to the advancement of community interests through efficient service in the borough council. He was elected to that body in 1893 for a term of three years. He was again elected in 1903, and served as president of that body, and at

various times as chairman of important committees. It was largely through his effort that the work of street paving was inaugurated, and, as chairman of the paving committee, he personally supervised the laying of thirteen thousand feet in 1904, and about the same amount in the present year (1905). In a personal capacity he gave to the village one of its most important improvements in the laying out of "Bickell's Addition," a tract of sixty acres which was a portion of the Jacob Bubb farm of one hundred and eighty acres which he purchased in 1900. This addition now contains about ninety buildings of modern construction, several of which he built and sold to their present owners. In 1902 he built his own family home on Allegheny street, which is one of the most beautiful pieces of residential property in the county. He donated one-half of the ground for the silk mills of the Bloomsburg Silk Mill Company, which were erected in 1903, and went into operation in March, 1905. He is a member of the Jersey Shore Land and Improvement Company, and of the Central Oak Grove Land Company. Among his real estate holdings is the fine Mathew Furgeson farm of one hundred and thirty acres, which he purchased in 1895. Dr. Bickell is an active member of the Presbyterian church, is affiliated with La Belle Valley Lodge, No. 232, Free and Accepted Masons, and is a Republican in politics.

Dr. Bickell married, in 1891, Miss Florence Burke, who was born at Lewisburg, Union county, Pennsylvania, May 18, 1871, a daughter of the Rev. J. C. and Lela (Burrell) Burke. Her father was pastor of the Third Lutheran church of Baltimore, Maryland, and her mother was a sister of the late Dr. James Burrell, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Dr. and Mrs. Bickell are the parents of one child—Harold Burke, born October 10, 1900.



## J. FRANK FLEMING, M. D.

J. Frank Fleming, M. D., a leading physician of Trout Run, and a man of great public spirit, strong personality and wide influence, was born in Mill Hall, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1860, the seventh son of Isaac and Margaret Ann (Stradley) Fleming.

Isaac Fleming (father), the founder of the family in the United States, was born in Halifax, England, December 8, 1817, and emigrated hither in the year 1840. He was engaged in the woolen factory business, and was successively located in Center, Clinton and Lycoming counties. He settled in Hepburn township, Lycoming county, in 1866, and was assigned to the position of foreman of the Balls Woolen Mills, rendering therein efficient and capable service. He is living at the present time (1905). He married Margaret Ann Stradley, who bore him the following named children, all of whom are living except one, and all have been active and prominent in the affairs of the community: John W., deceased, passing away August 2, 1905. He was prominent in educational circles, and at the time of his death was the Nestor of Lycoming county teachers, having taught in the schools of that county for about forty consecutive years. William H. Samuel S. Hudson R., a successful miller, conducting a large and lucrative business. He is a member of the Valley Forge Memorial Commission, and for years was a prominent member of the Williamsport School Board. Edward S. Wilson I., a resident at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. He holds an important position in the State Department at Harrisburg, and stands high in Masonry. J. Frank, whose name heads this sketch. Eugene S. Carrie E., wife of Elmer Rathwall.

After completing a public school education, J. Frank Fleming learned the trade of weaver with his father and worked at it until de-

clining health warned him to abandon the same. The following two years he gave his attention to farming. He then became a student at the Muncy Normal School with the intention of following the profession of teacher, and after completing his studies there taught a school in the vicinity of Linden and brought it to a high degree of efficiency. Later he taught two terms at Oak Grove, and was subsequently engaged as principal of the schools at McIntyre. In the meantime he had decided to study medicine, and after his term as principal expired matriculated at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Maryland, from which he was graduated with high honor. He was also a student of Dr. Nutt, of Williamsport, and after graduation assisted him in his practice for about six months. He then assumed the practice of Dr. Crawford, at Trout Run, Pennsylvania, owing to his being unable through illness to attend to his professional duties, and after the death of Dr. Crawford he came into full control of the same. Dr. Fleming has resided ever since at Trout Run, where he has built up and retained a lucrative practice, and also has won the respect and esteem of the entire community. He has kept in touch with the advanced thought along the line of his profession by membership in the Lycoming County Medical Society, West Branch Medical Society, Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Dr. Fleming has served several terms on the United States Pension Board of Lycoming county. He has always evinced great interest in the cause and progress of education, and has served in the capacity of school director and at times president of the Lycoming County Directors' Association. He is a Republican in politics, and was once the nominee of his party for the office of coroner. He is an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religion he is a Methodist.

Dr. Fleming was married in 1884 to Lizzie Hinkal, a descendant

of a pioneer family of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and four children were born to them: Howard C., Mildred, Ellsworth, and Margaret who died at the age of five years. Mrs. Dr. Fleming died September 10, 1902.

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IRVING L. TRUMAN.

Irving L. Truman, one of the leading business men of Trout Run, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, is a native of Owego, Tioga county, New York, was born September 7, 1851, and a son of Lucius and Mary P. (Leach) Truman, and grandson of the late Asa H. and Elizabeth Truman.

Early in the eighteenth century, Asa H. Truman (grandfather), was a prominent business man of Owego, the county town of Tioga county, New York. He was engaged as a country merchant and lumberman, selling general merchandise and manufacturing lumber, which he rafted down the Susquehanna river on the spring freshets. He acquitted himself in such a way as to gain the confidence and esteem of all with whom he was associated, and his business capability was recognized throughout the community. His wife Elizabeth bore him one child, Lucius, mentioned at length in the following paragraph.

Lucius Truman (father) was born in Owego, New York, April 18, 1818. He was reared and educated in his native town, and subsequently became one of the leading merchants and lumbermen thereof, gaining a reputation for integrity and trustworthiness. At the breaking out of the rebellion he assisted in raising and organizing a company of Union volunteers in Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. On May 15, 1861, he was mustered into the service as first lieutenant of Company E, of the First Rifles (the Bucktails), and was mustered

out as quartermaster of the same regiment, July 28, 1865, having served with conspicuous fidelity and ability for four years. ("History of Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861-65," prepared in compliance with acts of the legislature, by Samuel P. Bates, gives the following in Vol. 1.: "Lucius Truman, rank 1st lieutenant, mustered into service May 29, 1861, promoted to quartermaster March 1, 1863.") In 1840 Mr. Truman was united in marriage to Mary P. Leach, born in Owego, New York, 1816, and their children were as follows: Albert A., born in Owego, 1841; Harriet A., born in Owego, October 22, 1843; L. Ferdinand, born in Owego, December 23, 1846; Mary Elizabeth, born in Owego, October 17, 1848; Irving L., born in Owego, September 7, 1851; Lilla, died in childhood; and Hermon L., born in Elmira, August 3, 1856. Mr. and Mrs. Truman died at their home in Wellsboro, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, May 23, 1890, and in 1864, respectively.

Irving L. Truman, fifth child of Lucius and Mary P. (Leach) Truman, attended the public schools of Elmira, New York, whither his parents removed. From Elmira he removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, then to Owego, New York, and from there to Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, where at the age of seventeen he engaged as clerk in the general store conducted by his brother, Louis Ferdinand Truman, and served for three or four years. He then went to Michigan, but at the expiration of six months returned to Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, and for a year or more worked for his father in a sash and blind factory. In 1877 he took up his residence in Trout Run, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he found employment as a clerk with the firm of F. R. and N. B. Weed, with whom he remained until September, 1883, when he purchased the lumber interest of Daniel Moyer at Roaring Branch, Pennsylvania, and engaged in manufacturing lumber in partnership with A. F. Neyhart, under the firm name of Neyhart and Tru-

man, this connection continuing for one year. Mr. Truman then disposed of his interest to Thomas Lundy and Adam Striley, and went to Bodine, Pennsylvania, and in partnership with Robert Innes embarked in the mercantile business, conducting a general store for one year, when he sold out his interest to his partner. In November, 1885, Mr. Truman came to Trout Run, Pennsylvania, purchased a lot and built a store, and again embarked in the mercantile business. In 1892 the store was destroyed by fire, but he rebuilt the same and then rented it. Later he purchased the store, and in partnership with F. P. Snyder again engaged in the mercantile business, continuing until June, 1900, when he purchased Mr. Snyder's interest in the same. April 3, 1901, Mr. Truman purchased the general store and building of the firm of Thomas Ward, which he is conducting successfully at the present time (1905). In addition to the lot above mentioned, Mr. Truman purchased in 1885 a fine timber tract in Trout Run, on which he erected a saw mill which he operated successfully for three years, and then disposed of the same, but is still engaged in the lumber business. In 1900 he purchased the Turner property, consisting of about five hundred acres of a timber tract and twelve houses. In the same year he erected a house, built another in 1904, and the following year erected a large double dwelling, from all of which he derives a goodly income. He erected his own residence, a modern and comfortable structure, in 1891. In April, 1905, he opened a flag and curbstone quarry, where the best material of this kind can be secured, and which promises to be one of the leading enterprises of this section. The esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens is evidenced by the fact that he was appointed a director in the Ralston Telephone Company, treasurer of Louis township three years, and auditor and overseer of the poor, several terms. He is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party.

Mr. Truman married, in 1882, Clara W. Wise, a daughter of the late Charles and Barbara Wise, and they are the parents of one daughter, Jessie, born May 25, 1883. She was a student of Dickinson Seminary, from which institution she was graduated with honors in the class of 1905, receiving a free scholarship for a college in Baltimore, Maryland. She, however, decided to attend another, and is now (1905) pursuing her studies at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. Mr. Truman and his family attend the Presbyterian church, and for a period of four years he has served as trustee of the same.

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CHARLES F. PLANKENHORN.

DANIEL PLANKENHORN.

The family of which these two brothers are worthy representatives is of German origin, its members having been loyal and faithful in every relation of life, honorable and God-fearing people, whose chief characteristics were thrift, industry and perseverance.

John Plankenhorn (father) emigrated to the United States, accompanied by his mother and two sisters, and after a long and tedious journey landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where they resided for a few years. In 1849, after his marriage and the birth of his first child, Mr. Plankenhorn moved to Williamsport, Lycoming county, where he purchased twenty acres of land which he cleared and started a small farm thereon. Later he added two purchases, one of twenty acres and one of sixteen acres, thus making his farm fifty-six acres, the same being located in Armstrong township, now South Williamsport. He raised large quantities of cattle and sheep and, being a weaver by trade, which he learned in the old country prior to his emigration, he took the wool and had it carded, then wove it himself, and his good wife made it into



cotton for the family, her children wearing many a suit that was grown on the farm. During the time that he was clearing and building up his property, he also worked at whatever he could find to do, his remuneration being but fifty cents per day. In 1852 he engaged in the dairy business, and the success which he achieved in this undertaking was the result of hard work and close application. Mr. Plankenhorn and his wife reared a family of six children, namely: Charles F., mentioned in the following paragraph. Joseph, who married Rebecca Miller, who bore him six children: John, who married Mary Lambert, and their children are Helen and John; William, Joseph, Fonslow, Harry and Laura. Joseph married for his second wife Agnes ———, who bore him one child, Benjamin. Daniel, mentioned in the following paragraphs. Benjamin, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-eight years. Christian, who married Rebecca Rothfuss, no issue. Mary, who became the wife of James Burke, and their children are: Pearl, who became the wife of Leslie Tucker; Delia, William, Emily, La Rue and Charles Burke.

Charles F. Plankenhorn attended the public schools in the vicinity of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to which place his parents moved when he was two years of age. He then served an apprenticeship at the trade of file cutting, but after serving for a short period of time at this occupation returned to the homestead and assisted his father in the manifold duties of the farm. After the death of his father he purchased the interest of his brothers and sisters, and he and his mother continued the operation of the farm for a number of years, and finally he purchased her share and now conducts the estate alone. His stock consists of about fifteen head of cows, and the milk and cream therefrom, being of a superior quality, find a ready sale in the city of Williamsport. The confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens is evidenced by the fact

that he was chosen to fill the office of overseer of the poor, and also a member of the board of school directors. He is a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Plankenhorn married Chrissie Rothfuss, second daughter of George and Ursula (Hyde) Rothfuss, who were the parents of twenty children, many of whom died in infancy; those who attained years of maturity are as follows:

1. Adam, who was sheriff of Lycoming county; he married Kate Carothers, issue, two children, Frank and Sarah Rothfuss.

2. Mathias, married Elizabeth Smithgall, issue, six children, Mary, George, Edward, Aaron, Linda and Luther Rothfuss.

3. Maggie, wife of John Rothfuss, issue, four children, Fannie, Carrie, Minnie and Pierce Rothfuss.

4. Chrissie, aforementioned as the wife of Charles F. Plankenhorn.

5. Rebecca, wife of Christian Plankenhorn, brother of Charles F. and Daniel Plankenhorn, no issue.

6. Phebe, unmarried.

7. Charles H., married Martha Huffman, issue, seven children, Herman, Lloyd, Paul, Howard, Reuben, Christian and Lucy.

8. Reuben H., married Mattie C. Moore, issue, two children, Ursula and Leslie. Reuben H. Rothfuss is now serving as county commissioner; he is a Democrat in politics.

Six children were born to Charles F. and Chrissie (Rothfuss) Plankenhorn, namely: George, married Maud Hunter, and their children are: Christine and Luther. Lottie, unmarried. Margaret, wife of George Reeder. Frank; Walter; Carl. The family are members of the Lutheran church. In 1891 Mr. Plankenhorn built for himself and family a beautiful home about one thousand feet from the West Branch, on a knoll about seventy-five feet above river level, setting back from

the main street about two hundred and fifty feet. It is equipped with all modern conveniences for the comfort of its inmates, and is one of the most attractive and beautiful pieces of property in the city.

Daniel Plankenhorn received his education in the public schools of Williamsport and vicinity, and after laying aside his books assisted his father in the dairy business until he reached the age of eighteen years. Being possessed of a natural gift and aptitude for handling tools, he then learned the carpentering trade and for thirteen years thereafter worked in the capacity of journeyman. In 1882, with the capital he had been able to accumulate from his earnings and with some money he obtained on a loan, he started a grocery store on a very small scale. By close application to business and dint of hard work he and his wife soon paid off the loan and also increased their stock. Gradually they worked their way upward, until now (1905) they have a very extensive trade. He purchases his goods in carload lots, and the business he conducts is the largest in its line in South Williamsport. He is the owner of a large storehouse, and also a tract of woodland on the mountain which has in it two beautiful springs of pure water, which is never failing, does not freeze, and he has laid twenty-seven hundred feet of pipe from these to his home, thus securing a delightful water supply. In the near future he intends to utilize the power to run a cold storage plant, and in this manner will be able to furnish his own electric light. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and an adherent of the Democratic party.

Mr. Plankenhorn married Louisa Houser, daughter of Herman and Barbara (Keebler) Houser, and granddaughter of Ludwig and Caroline Houser; she was one of six children, namely: Caroline, who became the wife of Jacob Burkhardt, no issue. Frederick, who married Annie Glenn, their children being, Herman, Louisa, Elsie and Harry

Houser. Louisa, aforementioned as the wife of Daniel Plankenhorn. Lena, who became the wife of William Kuntz, issue, six children, Christine, Ida, Arthur, Viola, Maggie and Louis (twins), Charles, unmarried. Christine, who became the wife of Martin Housman, deceased, their children being, Viola, Charles, Louisa and Clarence Houseman. Six children were the issue of the marriage of Daniel and Louisa (Houser) Plankenhorn: Fred., who married Mary Kreitz; Herman, who married Clara Kreitz; Archie; Arthur; Willis; Oscar (deceased). Mr. Plankenhorn owns a beautiful and comfortable home on the main street of South Williamsport, which is fitted up with all modern improvements, including steam heat, sewer, etc.

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#### GEORGE W. HARDER.

George W. Harder, register and recorder of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, residing in Williamsport, is a native of the state, born in Athens, Bradford county, April 12, 1852, and is of German extraction.

His paternal grandfather, John Harder, was born in Claverick, Schoharie county, New York, and died in Athens, Pennsylvania, where he lived the life of a farmer. He served in the war of the revolution, and his wife was a pensioner of the government in recognition of his service. He married Elizabeth (family name unknown) and they reared a family of six children: Thomas, Jacob, Fail, Henry, Frank, Elizabeth. An eloquent attestation of the sterling patriotism of this family is found in the fact that four of the five sons served their country during the entire period of the civil war, Jacob alone remaining at home to aid in the maintenance of the family. The sons were all brought up as mechanics; in religion they were Methodists and Baptists, and in politics they were Whigs until the dissolution of that party, when they allied themselves with the Republican party, then just formed.

Jacob Harder, second child and son of John and Elizabeth Harder, was born in Claverick, Schoharie county, New York, September 2, 1820, and died September 1, 1898, in Paterson, New Jersey, wanting but one day of completing his seventy-eighth year. When he was sixteen years of age he went to Binghamton, New York, where he learned gunsmithing, and he followed that trade throughout his life at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. He married Maria Fritcher, who was born in Athens, Pennsylvania, in 1833, and died in 1871. She was a daughter of George Fritcher, of a German family, and who was reared to the blacksmith's trade, but for many years carried on a grocery business. Of this marriage were born four children: 1. George W., to be further referred to hereinafter; 2. John, who is a gunsmith and merchant in Clearfield, Pennsylvania; 3. Frank, who is similarly engaged in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania; 4. Emma, who became the wife of Samuel Demarest, of Paterson, New Jersey.

George W. Harder, eldest child of Jacob and Maria (Fritcher) Harder, received an excellent practical education, and chiefly through his own efforts. After graduating from the high school in Lock Haven, he studied for two years in the State Normal School in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. When he left that institution he was well qualified for teaching, and was solicited to devote himself to educational work as his life work, but he was inclined to mechanics, and declined all such propositions. He learned gunsmithing with his father, and was associated with him in business for a period of six years. The following nine years he followed the same business on his own account in Tyrone, Pennsylvania. In 1885 he located permanently in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and conducted a sporting goods establishment until January 1, 1903, when he retired from business in order to enter upon the position of register and recorder, to which he had been elected at the fall election of the pre-

ceding year. A Republican in politics, and possessing excellent business qualifications and elements of personal popularity, he made a most successful canvass, defeating his opponent by a plurality of 529. He has made an excellent record in his office, and he is held in esteem for his accuracy and affability in the dispatch of business.

Mr. Harder enters largely into the social life of the community, and has attained high rank in the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with the following bodies of the order: Ivy Lodge No. 397, F. and A. M.; Lycoming Chapter No. 222, R. A. M.; Adoniram Council No. 26, R. and S. M.; Baldwin Commandery No. 22, K. T.; and Williamsport Consistory, S. P. R. S., thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite. He is also a noble in Irem Temple Mystic Shrine; and a member of the local bodies of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum, and the Patriotic Order of Sons of America. He is a member of the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal church and financial secretary of its board of trustees. He is a Republican in politics, and is earnest and forceful in support of the principles and policies of the party.

In 1876 Mr. Harder married Miss Ida E. Hanscon, of Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John Hanscon, a native of Maine, and of English extraction. Of this union have been born four children: George N., Frank N., Emily M. and Ruth L. Harder.

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#### H. MONROE IRVIN.

H. Monroe Irvin, district agent for the Northwestern Industrial Life Insurance Company, whose office is located in the Jamison Block, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, was born in Turbutville, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, June 30, 1870. He is an son of Daniel and Margaret E. (Miller) Irvin, the former born in Columbia county, Pennsylv-



vania, February 22, 1829, died January 2, 1900, and the latter born February 12, 1833, and resides at the present time (1905) at No. 820 Locust street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Daniel E. and Margaret E. (Miller) Irvin were the parents of the following named children: 1. Frank M., born April 15, 1855, married Mary Gouger, now deceased, issue, one child, Bessie, born December 27, 1880. Mr. Irvin is employed as cabinet maker by the Rishel Furniture Company. 2. William R., born September 30, 1858, died August 2, 1904; he married Lucy Shultz, daughter of Jacob Shultz, no issue. 3. Laura J., born February 4, 1859, wife of Peter Sitz, no issue. 4. Carrie, born July 16, 1860, wife of C. L. Young; issue, Emma, born March 29, 1898. 5. Wood B., born July 16, 1864, is superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Company at Altoona; he married Anna Hanst; issue, Carl Frederic, born December 29, 1888. 6. Harriet S., born March 17, 1867, resides at home. 7. Margaret E., born August 19, 1868, wife of George H. Parke, who is a merchant and draughtsman in Williamsport. Their children are: George H., born December 22, 1897; Robert, born April 12, 1899; Margaret B., born December 8, 1900; and Ross M., born October 20, 1904. 8. H. Monroe, mentioned hereinafter. 9. Daniel Webster, born December 29, 1869, was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as a brakeman, and was killed February 17, 1890. 10. Edward H., born December 28, 1872, is employed in the D. S. Andus & Company music store; he married, October 1, 1903, Katharine Gildner, issue, Edward D., born January 26, 1905.

H. Monroe Irvin was educated in the common schools of Williamsport and spent his boyhood days under the parental roof, working in the various sawmills of Williamsport. He then accepted a position with the Otto Furniture Company, with whom he remained for three years, after which he served two years as messenger boy with the Pennsylvania

Railroad Company. On January 1, 1889, he accepted a position with the Prudential Life Insurance Company under the superintendency of F. B. Byers, and served as agent till 1898, when he was promoted to the position of assistant superintendent, in which he served until his resignation, August 15, 1903. He then accepted a position as agent for the New York Life Insurance Company, resigning therefrom in order to accept the district agency with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, in which capacity he is now serving. His territory covers Potter, Tioga and Lycoming counties, Pennsylvania, and his office is located in Room 4, Jamison Block, Williamsport. Mr. Irvin possesses rare musical gifts, having an exceedingly fine tenor voice, and for the past fifteen years has served in the prominent churches in the city, among them being the Church of the Covenant, Baptist church, Third Presbyterian church, St. Mark's Lutheran church and St. Paul's Lutheran church. He has been a faithful patron of the arts and has assisted in securing the appearance in Williamsport of the greatest masters of instrumental and vocal music. He is a strong advocate of the cause of temperance, and his political support is given to the candidates of the Prohibition party.

Mr. Irvin married, June 1, 1893, Frances M. Evans, daughter of Leiper and Grace Evans, of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the former named being a prosperous farmer. Six children were the issue of this union: Grace, born June 6, 1894. Dorothy A., born January 15, 1898. M. Donaldson and W. Addison (twins), born September 22, 1899. Margaret E., born February 12, 1902. Clifford W., born July 4, 1905.

## JOHN PHILIP HAAG.

John Philip Haag, M. D., who is a successful practitioner at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, was born September 20, 1864, in this city. He is the son of Philip Haag, who arrived from Merstetter, Germany, March 1, 1854, first stopping at Brooklyn, and from there to Williamsport in 1855. He was a shoemaker and conducted a shoe store in Williamsport many years. Philip is the son of John George and Mary Haag. He received an academic education at the Elmira Evangelical (Protestant) Academy, and was one of the builders of Market Street Evangelical church of Williamsport. Philip Haag married Sarah Lehman, daughter of Simon and Mary Lehman. Simon Lehman was born in Shopfloch and Mary Lehman in Disingen, Germany. They settled at Williamsport in 1855, and later removed to a farm in Hepburn township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. The date of Philip's birth was November 29, 1835, at Merstetter, Germany. His wife was born at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1839. Politically he is a Republican.

Dr. John P. Haag, the son of Philip Haag, obtained his education at the common schools of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and also Binghamton (New York) Institute, and while there became much interested in the study of medicine, and hence he soon entered the Hahnemann Medical School of Philadelphia and graduated with the class of 1888. Politically Dr. Haag is a Republican, and served as county (Lycoming) physician three terms. In his church relations he is a Methodist Episcopal. He is numbered among the members of the Knights of Macca-bees, and was the state medical examiner for the order one term.

He was united in marriage, March 14, 1889, to Eva Derr, of Williamsport. She is the daughter of James and Isabelle Derr. Mrs. Haag

attended the public schools of her native town. By this marriage two daughters were born: Isabella Sarah, born July 8, 1892, and Katherine Margarete, born October 10, 1893.

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#### WILLIAM D. CROOKS.

William D. Crooks was born in the county of Durham, England, August 26, 1848. His parents came to this country the following year, landing in Philadelphia, and finally settling in Blossburg, Tioga county.

His early life was spent on a farm. When eighteen years of age he was apprenticed to learn the carpenters' and joiners' trade. Three years later he came to Williamsport and followed his trade until he engaged in the lumber business with Weigle & Miller, near Roaring Branch, Lycoming county. At the end of three years he sold out his interest and returned to this city to resume his former occupation as contractor and builder.

It was not until 1886 that he engaged in the manufacture of cabinet veneered doors and fine interior trimmings, in South Williamsport. The venture was begun in a small room 20 by 40 feet, being a part of Valentine Luppert's planing mill. His capital amounted to less than \$400, and his crew consisted of himself and one man. But by energy and close attention his business increased, which enabled him to enlarge the plant from time to time and give employment to additional men. On January 13, 1898, the factory was destroyed, together with a large amount of finished and raw material. Mr. Crooks shortly after purchased the Reading, Fisher & Reading factory, which he is at present operating. The plant has not only been enlarged, but new modern machinery added, and dry kilns and lumber sheds built to store seasoned material. Mr. Crooks at present employs fifty to sixty hands. His

materials have been used in the United States Capitol building, at Washington, and many of the public buildings and private houses in this county bear the stamp of his workmanship.

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C. B. FARR.

C. B. Farr, vice-president of the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company, and a resident of Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, is a descendant of the following genealogical lines, the paternal Farr, and maternal, Putnams.

I. Abraham Farr, of New England, married Rachel Faskett and had a son named Abraham.

II. Abraham Farr, son of Abraham Farr, son of Abraham and Rachel (Faskett) Farr (I), was born in Stowe, Massachusetts, in 1762. He married Polly Harris in 1784, and among the children born to them was Rufus Farr.

III. Rufus Farr, son of Abraham and Polly (Harris) Farr, was born March 2, 1783, in Chesterfield, New Hampshire, and died in Windham, Windham county, Vermont, May 5, 1858. He married Susan Stone, October 25, 1810, and had issue named Eli Stone Farr.

IV. Eli Stone Farr, son of Rufus Farr (3), was born July 15, 1814, in Windham county, Vermont, and died at Tioga, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1890. He married December 26, 1837, Mary Adeline Putnam, by whom was born C. B. Farr, the subject of this notice. The children of Eli Stone Farr and wife were: Eli L., born December 17, 1839, died January 31, 1843; William Oscar, born March 19, 1842; Abraham, born May 12, 1844; Creon B., born February 22, 1846; Eli Leroy, born February 8, 1848, died July 6, 1895. All were born at Windham, Windham county, Vermont.

The mother, Mary Adeline (Putnam) Farr, was born December 28, 1816, in Grafton, Windham county, Vermont. She was the daughter of William and Esther (Hubbard) Putnam. Eli Stone Farr, the father, with his wife and four sons came to Tioga, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, in 1853, settling at the "Old turn out," on the Blossburg and Tioga railroad, about one and one-half miles below Tioga village. He remained there a short time and then went to Foster's Mills, and then returned with the family to Vermont, but in 1855 came back to Tioga, Pennsylvania. Later they removed to Wellsboro, where Mr. Farr conducted a hotel where the Coles House now stands. He next took the hotel where now stands the Wilcox House. When the civil war broke out he was still operating that house. In 1864 he moved to Tioga and kept a hotel there. He spent his last days in Tioga, dying as stated above.

V. Creon B. Farr, son of Eli Stone and Mary Adeline (Putnam) Farr (4), was born February 22, 1846, at Windham, Windham county, Vermont. When seventeen years of age, in 1863, Mr. Farr went to Gaines Pine Creek, where he was employed by A. P. Coen, who operated both a mill and store. He remained there a year and went to Tioga, where he worked with his father until 1866 and then went to Troy, Pennsylvania, in the employ of Messrs. Reddington, Maxwell & Leonard, in a general merchandise store. After about one year there he formed a partnership with T. A. Wickham, as Wickham & Farr. Mr. Farr subsequently dissolved the partnership and joined O. B. Lowell in the tannery business. In 1885 he engaged in timber and bark business in Tioga county, selling logs and shipping lumber and bark to tanneries. In 1890 he with others purchased what was known as the Bankard lands, on Pine Creek. In 1891 he superintended the construction of the Tiadaghton & Fahnastalk railroad, now called the Letonia railroad, built



for the purpose of delivering the logs and bark to the Fall Brook railroad. Mr. Farr operated in that business until the spring of 1893, when was organized the large tannery company, the "Union Tanning Company," which acquired the above lands and railroad. In August, 1895, he came to Williamsport to superintend the business of the Keystone Lumber Company, which corporation had acquired all the saw-mills and lumber of the Union, Elk and Penn Tanning Companies; Mr. Farr was the president of this company until June, 1903, when the property was sold to the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company, of which he is now vice-president.

December 13, 1870, Mr. Farr married Ella Amelia Wellington, at Tioga, Pennsylvania, by whom two sons were born; Lowell Wellington Farr (6), born March 9, 1872; Quincy Wellington Farr (6), born July 27, 1874.

Of Mrs. Farr's ancestry it may be stated that she traces her paternal line back to England. Her parents were Samuel Barney Wellington and wife Amelia (Greene) Wellington. The grandfather Wellington was named Quincy, and his father was Paulsgrave Wellington. On the maternal side Mrs. Farr's mother (Amelia Greene) was the daughter of James Greene, whose father was also named James.

Politically Mr. Farr is a Republican, and in religious faith is an Episcopalian and a vestryman of Christ Church of Williamsport. He is a member of Lodge No. 373, Free and Accepted Masons, of Tioga, Pennsylvania, and all the higher bodies of Williamsport—chapter, council and commandery, and also of the Scottish Rite of Williamsport, having attained the thirty-second degree. He is a member of Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre, Howard Temple Club of Williamsport, the Ross Club (the leading social club of Williamsport), and the Young Men's Republican Club.

Returning to the maternal side of Mr. Farr's ancestry, let it be said that John Putnam was one of the Pilgrims who came over in the "Mayflower" and landed at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts. The New England records show that "John Putnam and wife Priscilla and three sons, John, Thomas and Nathaniel, came from Buckinghamshire, England, in 1634." John died December 30, 1662, as is shown by the historian of Framingham and Sutton, Massachusetts. The Ashburnham and Salem town records, say: "Nathaniel Putnam married Elizabeth ——; John Putnam married Priscilla ——; Samuel Putnam married Hannah Cutter (1678). John Putnam married Sarah Maveris, in 1737, at Sudbury, Massachusetts." It is also found by records, civic and military, that Captain Daniel Putnam was born in Sudbury, Massachusetts, October 25, 1755, and he became a "citizen" of Ashburnham, Massachusetts, about 1770. He assisted in establishing American Independence while acting in the capacity of a soldier and lieutenant. He served in the revolutionary struggle on two occasions before he was twenty years of age, and was a captain prior to his second marriage in 1787, his commission bearing date of 1786, from Massachusetts. He died October 21, 1819, at Windham, Vermont. He was a first cousin of Major-General Israel Putnam, of revolutionary war fame. For his first wife he married Elizabeth Lock, March 18, 1777; she died August, 1787. By this union five children were born. The youngest died when four days old; Elizabeth and Daniel died young; John and Jacob lived to manhood and married. John died at Williamstown, Massachusetts, and Jacob at Drewsville, New Hampshire. For his second wife, Captain Daniel Putnam married Keziah Polard, November 29, 1787. Rev. John Cushing officiated at their marriage. By this union twelve children were born, seven at Ashburnham, Massachusetts, and the others

at Windham, Vermont, where he moved about 1812. Keziah (Polard) Putnam died in Windham, Vermont, March 30, 1830.

Among the children of Mr. Putnam by his second marriage was William, born in Ashburnham, Massachusetts, January 18, 1789; moved to Vermont about 1800, and from there to Saratoga Springs, New York, where he kept the Irodine House, on Front street. He married Esther Hubbard, who was born May 25, 1792, and died January 2, 1870, in Townsend, Vermont. They had six children, three boys and three girls, including Mary Adeline, the mother of C. B. Farr. William Putnam died September 24, 1870.

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THOMAS LYON, M. D.

Thomas Lyon, M. D., who was a leading physician and surgeon of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in which place he practiced his profession for more than half a century, was born at Pennsdale, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1812, a son of Edward Grundy and Sarah (Huckle) Lyon, both natives of England, the former born April 25, 1783, and the latter in 1777, and a grandson of Edward Lyon.

Dr. Thomas Lyon was the third of the six sons who constituted his father's family. His parents fully appreciated the advantages of a sound education, and after he had acquired the ordinary branches in the district schools of Pennsdale, Hughesville and Muncy, was placed under the tutelage of the Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, a noted instructor of that day, and the only one in the locality competent to teach the languages. A number of the fellow-students of Dr. Lyon at Dr. Kirkpatrick's school have since risen to eminence in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. Dr. Lyon began his medical studies with Dr. James S. Dougal, at Milton, Northumberland county, and in 1838 graduated from Jef-

ferson Medical College with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In April of that year he established himself at Williamsport, where he practiced without intermission up to the time of his death, January 2, 1892.

At the time Dr. Lyon came to Williamsport its total population did not exceed one thousand persons, and he found but one professional rival among the inhabitants, a young man of thorough education, well grounded in his profession, and possessing the charm of refined manners and pleasant conversational powers. Dr. Lyon rapidly grew in favor, and in the course of a few years acquired a practice which extended over a large territory. In those early days the country roads as a rule were rough and at times almost impassable for any kind of vehicle, and the only reliable mode of travel was on horseback. Occasionally, when the roads were in good condition, short journeys might be made in a "sulky," a light vehicle, stray specimens of which may still be encountered doing good service under similar circumstances. Dr. Lyon's rides and drives extended twenty-five miles up Loyalsock and Lycoming creeks, and he frequently made both trips on horseback, his night rides being always made in this manner. He often made a trip on professional service to Trout Run and back after supper, a distance of fifteen miles each way, and that after a hard day's ride. Nevertheless, he was always ready for his professional work early in the morning. He possessed an interesting fund of anecdote illustrative of the prevalence of a superstition among the people during his early practice, and his faculty of calling up certain cases and the peculiarities of the patients and of the conditions surrounding them was truly remarkable. Owing to the primitive modes of travel during the early part of his professional career, professional visits were not infrequently made at considerable hazard.

Dr. Lyon performed many important surgical operations, some of

them under circumstances so hazardous and trying that one less skilled in meeting and providing for serious emergencies would have declined to act. Not only this, but in days when instruments and appliances, as compared with the present, were few, cumbrous and nearly always unreliable, he was very successful in improvising aids which often proved all that was required. When long past three score and ten years of age, Dr. Lyon was still noted for his vigorous health and great activity, both of which put to shame many much younger men. He was an honored member of the Lycoming Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He was a Republican in politics, but never held any public office except the purely professional one of examining surgeon, to which he was appointed by Governor Curtin in the early part of the civil war, the duties of the position being the examination of applicants for the positions of surgeons in the army.

The following paper was read at the banquet held at the Hepburn House, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, on the fiftieth anniversary of the Lycoming County Medical Society, April 2, 1889, by Dr. Lyon:

"In reflecting over some of the incidents which occurred during my early adventures in the practice of medicine in Williamsport, which commenced in April, 1838, I bring to mind a great many events that might interest the medical profession and others who have located here at a later date. In the first place I will address myself more particularly to the medical fraternity, and to some extent contrast it with the present.

"Previous to my locating here, Drs. James Hepburn and Taylor were in possession of the field, and for one year Dr. Seiler practiced after Dr. Hepburn had left. The latter had also ceased to practice, and had engaged in the mercantile business; Dr. Taylor had been elected to the legislature; and Dr. Vastine and myself were the only physicians until



Dr. Samuel Pollock, from Milton, located here, which made three to do the work.

“Dr. Shoemaker was practicing in Newberry, and Drs. Davidson, Reed and William Hepburn at Jersey Shore; Drs. Wood and Rankin at Muncy, and Dr. George Hill in Hughesville, making in all ten physicians in Lycoming county. Now contrast that with seventy-five male and four female and you will come to the conclusion that medical males and females have increased more than population. Now for the medical fees: Dr. Hepburn had charged fifty cents per visit, and Dr. Taylor reduced it to twenty-five; the former afterward compromised by charging thirty-three and a third cents per visit, twenty-five cents per mile in the country, with no extra charge for night visits; five dollars for confinement in town or country. There was but one drug store, and that entirely behind the times, and we were obliged to carry medicine with us in town or country. I bought my medicine from Charles Ellis, of Philadelphia, who charged very high, but was always perfectly reliable. Quinine at that time was five dollars an ounce, and as intermittent fever prevailed to a great extent, and being obliged to find it ourselves with our small fees, we were obliged to go almost day and night to meet our expenses. We charged twenty-five cents for bleeding, fifty cents for cupping, twenty-five cents for a blister of cantharides, twenty-five cents for extracting teeth, for which we got more cusses than money. There were no physicians in Linden, Montoursville, Warrensville, or up either Lycoming or Loyalsock creeks, nor any one except Dr. Charles Ludwig, an uncle of Dr. Youngman, in all of White Deer township, you can now draw your inference of the amount of labor we had to perform.

“The practice in the country was always on horseback after night, and when the roads were rough or muddy also in the daytime. Occasionally, as a great treat, we would use a sulky. A four-wheeler was



never seen except for pleasure riding, a kind of luxury unknown to doctors in that day. We finally got to using what were called buck-boards, almost destitute of springs, but an improvement over the sulky. If there was snow in the winter we would use sleighs, if we could get them. Frequently the roads were almost impassable in consequence of snow-drifts, and we were obliged to go through fields, which made it dangerous traveling after night. There were no extra charges for night rides, and the country patients took advantage of it; they would work hard all day and send for the doctor at night. A doctor, in their opinion, had no business ever to get tired, sleepy or hungry. Some of them were very good pay, and would treat you like human beings; others would occasionally haul you small loads of poor wood and charge the highest price, and sometimes a load of spoiled hay or soft and musty corn, that their own animals rejected. About the only circulating medium was what were called 'shin-plasters,' issued by the merchants, small notes from twenty-five cents to a dollar, redeemed at their stores in merchandise. It would not pay taxes or boarding bills.

"There were but six attorneys residing here at that time, viz.: Anson V. Parsons, Esq., who was afterwards President Judge of the Criminal Court of Philadelphia, and the father of Hon. H. C. Parsons, of this city, who is one of our most eminent attorneys at the bar; Joseph B. Anthony, Esq., who was afterwards President Judge; James Armstrong, Esq., who was also President Judge for a short period; Robert Fleming, Esq., who was elected to the State Senate, and also a member from Lycoming county to revise the constitution. Francis Campbell, Esq., Judge Ellis Lewis and Henry Ellis, Esq., who also possessed a poetic genius, resided here at that time.

"Dr. Davidson, of Jersey Shore, was one of the Associate Judges. We had but one school house, and a small one at that, one and a half

story brick, on West Third street, near Mr. John B. Hall's mansion. Mr. Joseph Rathmell was the teacher, the father of Messrs. Thomas and Ezra Rathmell, who are now residents of this city, and five daughters, all living but one. We had but two four-wheeled vehicles, one owned by Colonel Packer, the other by Mr. Robert Fanes. Some years afterwards Dr. Thomas Vastine became the owner of a carriage, which was as great a curiosity as Barnum's Museum. He was thought to be a wealthy doctor, a name unknown to the medical fraternity of that day. It was never brought out except on special occasions.

"The town could only boast of two old dilapidated churches, one located on Pine street, belonging to the Methodist Association, on the same ground that the present one now stands; the other, an old dilapidated stone church, on West Third street, where the Reformed German church is now located. The Rev. Mr. Hudson, who is still a resident of our city, was the pastor.

"We had very poor weapons to battle against fires. The only implements were buckets to convey the water from pumps and open wells, and a few rickety ladders which could not be found when needed. Males and females turned out on all occasions. We had no organization, but it was understood that lines were to be formed, and the males to handle the full buckets and the females the empty ones; but, as a general thing, the latter had to perform both. The men would get excited, break open doors, carry out some furniture, and then with axes and saws get rid of the balance and throw them out of the windows. You were obliged to watch and dodge or you would have an old trunk or some broken chairs on your head. There was no method or judgment exercised, and as a general thing not much accomplished until the fire exhausted itself. We had no postoffice, except a portion of the bar-room owned and occupied by Mr. Henry Hughes, an old and honored citizen,

who had been the landlord for nearly half a century. In speaking of our fires in an early day, and the primitive mode of fighting them, I omitted to mention one which caused great destruction of property. It commenced in what was called the United States Hotel, which was one of the largest and best hotels of the town. After destroying the building it took a northerly direction, coming up what was then called Court Alley, now Court street, destroying all the stables on both sides, and burning the old school house; our house, being just across the street, was on fire a number of times, the roof suffering the most. My wife used to remind me of the part she took in it. I got on the roof, taking carpet with me, and she, with Dr. Ed. on one arm (who was then a child), and a bucket of water on the other, supplied me with water to saturate the carpet, and after a hard struggle we succeeded in preventing it from going any further. We had no saloons, and the mode of making ice cream had not been developed.

“Old Mr. Deitch, who kept a small hotel on Pine street, made ginger cakes and manufactured small beer, and on hot summer evenings it was a perfect luxury. Would it not now be a good idea to compromise with our ardent friends of Prohibition and start up a cake and beer factory?

“The lumbering business was undertaken by several persons at different times, but always ended in a failure. Major James H. Perkins was the first one to make it a success and an honorable calling. It was he who started the first boom in the river, and gave the lumbering business an impetus which has been the means of building up our city and making it one of the great centers of Northern Pennsylvania. He was at the time of this writing over eighty-six years of age, mind and judgment as clear as day.

“When General Grant was a candidate for the presidency I was

attending professionally Samuel Titus—Old Uncle Sammy, as he was usually called—who was dangerously ill. He was a strong and decided Republican, his brother Joseph an uncompromising Democrat. They were quite old and very deaf. Joseph called to see him, supposing his time was short in this world, and desirous of rendering some aid and comfort, and putting his mouth to his brother's ear hallooed at the top of his voice: 'Brother, what can I do for you?' Samuel, after collecting himself and turning over, said: 'Vote for Grant.' Joseph made no response, but soon left the room. The impression among the friends was that he did not carry out his brother's wish. Samuel recovered and voted for Grant, and after he had deposited his vote, he said: 'I am now ready to die.' But he lived to vote for other Republican candidates for the presidency, but never changed his politics.

"In the spring of '38 our town was visited by an individual calling himself Daniel Cobb, who hailed from the north, representing himself as being very wealthy. When he made his grand entrance in our quiet town he drove a team of four horses to a carriage, which caused as much excitement as a first-class menagerie. He soon ingratiated himself into the good graces of Mr. John Cowden, who was one of the wealthiest citizens of the town and county. Among his first acts was to buy up all the stores and their contents and merge them into one on the principle of consolidation. He professed to be largely engaged in the mercantile business in the north, and had teams going constantly in shipping goods to that point. Dr. Seiler, who was practicing medicine here at the time, was induced to sell out and put the money in the mammoth store, and in less than one year he was a bankrupt. He scraped up a little money from some of his patients and moved to Harrisburg, where he remained until his death. I purchased the property from Cobb a short time after coming to Williamsport."

Dr. Lyon was married in May, 1842, to Elizabeth Priestley, who died January 9, 1896, daughter of Joseph R. and Frances Dundas (Biddle) Priestley, the former named having been at one time cashier of the Northumberland County Bank, and great-grandson of the noted chemist, Dr. Joseph Priestley. Six children were the issue of this union, two of whom died in infancy, and the surviving members of the family are as follows: Fannie P., who became the wife of Thomas H. Hayes, and their children are: Robert, married Eliza Place, no issue; and Thomas H., unmarried. Dr. Edward, married Mary J. Lescure, and their children are: Leslie Clyde, married Rose McGowan, of Philadelphia, and they are the parents of two children: Mary and Leslie; Dr. Edward, unmarried, and Thomas, unmarried. Sarah became the wife of J. Augustus Stearns, deceased, son of Laten Legg Stearns, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; one child was born of this union, Thomas Lyon Stearns. Jennie Priestley, who became the wife of Dr. E. B. Campbell, and they are the parents of one child, Elizabeth Priestley Campbell.

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#### THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA.

The First National Bank of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, was organized December 3, 1863. It was the first National Bank to do business in the city, and the fourth in the state. Its organizers were among the most prominent and substantial men in the community. The policy adopted by the management has always been progressive and liberal, while at the same time conservative. This course has brought prosperity and the high credit that goes with it.

There have been paid to its stockholders from the beginning satis-

factory dividends, amounting in the aggregate to more than one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00), and a surplus fund earned and accumulated of two hundred and sixty thousand dollars (\$260,000.00). This marked success has greatly surpassed in the same period any other bank in the city.

Among its directors have been many of the "captains of industry" in the business community, and so well has this been understood that to be invited to a seat in its directorate has been deemed a business triumph for the individual.

Mr. Abraham Updegraff served as president from December 6, 1863, to the time of his death, April 17, 1884. His force of character and high standing are well remembered by those who were fortunate enough to know him. On the first day of May, 1884, J. A. Beeber, Esq., was elected to succeed Mr. Updegraff, and remains in service at this time, October 1, 1905. Mr. W. H. Sloan entered the bank in October, 1865, and was elected cashier July 1, 1871, which position he still fills.

The capital of the bank is.....	\$300,000.00
Surplus .....	260,000.00
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Total .....	\$560,000.00
Deposits ,.....	\$1,100,000.00

DIRECTORS.

J. A. Beeber.	John M. Young.	David A. Howe.
S. N. Williams.	A. D. Hermance.	Charles W. Weis.
James J. Gibson.	W. H. Sloan.	Henry D. Brown.



ASA A. WHITE.

Asa A. White, national superintendent of agencies and a member of the board of directors of the National Protective Association, whose home offices are located at No. 20 West Market Square, Williamsport,



Pennsylvania, is a native of that city, born December 26, 1869, a son of Robert H. and Harriet (Bubb) White, and grandson on the paternal side of Asa A. White, in whose honor he was named, who was a merchant at Lawrenceville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, for many years.

Robert H. White (father) was a carpenter by trade, and for many years was employed as journeyman by Peter Herdic, a leading contractor and builder of Williamsport. Mr. White resided in Williamsport for a period of almost twenty-six years, during which time he built many of the older buildings in the city, including the Baptist church, Park hotel and Court house, which now stand as monuments to his skill and ability along those lines. Subsequently he took up his residence in South Williamsport, and there the remainder of his life was spent. He died in 1890, and his remains were interred in Wildwood cemetery. His wife, Harriet (Bubb) White, who was a daughter of the late Christopher Bubb, bore him two children, namely: Asa A., mentioned at length hereinafter; Charles, who is now employed as clerk in the dry goods store of Bush, Bull & Company; Charles White, married a Miss Weaver, who bore him the following named children: Alma, Robert, Marian, Samuel, deceased, and Ethel, deceased. Mr. White is a member of the Evangelical church of South Williamsport, in which he holds the office of deacon. He is a resident of South Williamsport.

Asa A. White received a practical education in the public schools of Williamsport. He gained his first practical experience in business life with the Williamsport Furniture Company, serving as an employee in the finishing department for seven years. He then learned the house painting business, which he followed for about six and a half years, and the following two years he served the city fire department as extra houseman. He then became an engineer at Fire Department No. 2, remaining for one year, and for a similar period of time thereafter served

in the same capacity for the Edison Light Electric Company. He was then appointed district organizer of the Modern Protective Association, with whom he served sixteen months, at the expiration of which period of time he resigned in order to accept his present position of superintendent of agencies for the National Protective Association, his office being at No. 20 Musina block, Market square, Williamsport. This association, which was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, June 6, 1905, is a fraternal beneficiary society, with uniform monthly payments, men and women both, from the ages of sixteen to sixty-five, being eligible to membership. They issue the most liberal certificate known to the insurance world. At the end of each five years that the member belongs there will be a cash settlement or dividend paid, which will comprise the excess accumulations and profits of the association. The benefits derived are fifteen dollars per week when disabled because of either sickness or accident. It pays upon practically every form of disease or kind of injury and disability, and begins with the first and continues until the last attendance of a physician. The number of weeks of disability allowable depends upon the months of membership. Thus, after two months of membership, one week, fifteen dollars is allowed; after four months, two weeks or thirty dollars; after six months, three weeks or forty-five dollars; after nine months, four weeks or sixty dollars, and so that rate is continued until twenty-five weeks of benefits are permitted during five years. In the event of a death of a member of the three classes, Nos. 1, 2 and 3, there will be paid to the beneficiary named the following sums: No.  $\frac{1}{2}$  certificate, \$1.25; No. 1 certificate, \$2.50; No. 2 certificate, \$5.00; No. 3 certificate, \$7.50 for each month that the member has belonged during a period of five years. The officers of the association are as follows: James M. Rook, national president; Albert L. Scholl, national vice-president; Clarence J. Dun, national secretary;

J. Harry Spencer, national treasurer; Asa A. White, national superintendent of agencies; Frank L. Moyer, M. D., national medical examiner; Clarence L. Peaslee, national counsel; D. M. Hinkel, national director; Asakiah K. Gaul, national director, and F. W. Plankenhorn, national director. The trustees are: Albert L. Scholl, Frank L. Moyer, M. D., and Asakiah K. Gaul. Mr. White also serves as director of this society, and holds membership in the Modern Protective Association, with which he was formerly connected. He attends the First Baptist church of Williamsport, and his political affiliation is with the Republican party.

Mr. White was united in marriage to Minnie Potter, daughter of John and Maria Potter, and the issue of this union is as follows: Bessie, born April 5, 1888, died in infancy; Harry, born May 1, 1892; Nellie, born August 8, 1889; Effie, born April 17, 1901. Mr. White resumed work for the Modern Protective Association as state superintendent of Rhode Island, to which state he is about to remove.



#### MICHAEL ROSS.

Michael Ross, while he was the pioneer and founder of the city of Williamsport, yet for various reasons but little is known of his ancestry, and no very extended account of his own career is now at hand. It is claimed that he was living in Philadelphia in 1772, with his mother; that April 11, 1772, he and his mother entered into a written agreement with Samuel Wallis to accompany him to Muncy Farms. There he served until 1779, when he was in his twentieth year. Wallis owned a large body of land, and Ross became a surveyor's assistant. At the close of his agreement Wallis gave him a high recommendation in writing and one hundred acres of land, which probably was the foundation

of his future fortune. Mrs. Ross came with her son to the West Branch valley and died within the city limits. No records on paper have ever been found to show who the father of Michael Ross was. That he was born in Europe seems to be the general opinion of his descendants, but whether he came as a "Redemptioner" to this country is unknown. His name indicates Scotch origin, and the mother was probably German.

After acquiring the two hundred and eighty acre tract farm from William Winter, on which the town was afterward platted, Ross found it necessary to locate here. He found a log cabin, which some squatter had abandoned, on the site of the present L. L. Stearns residence, which he occupied several years—until about 1800, when he built a two-story brick house, which stood where now stands the J. V. Brown residence, on East Third street. This was the second or third brick house in Williamsport.

The wife of Michael Ross was Anne, daughter of Christian Courson, whom he married about 1793. They had three sons and two daughters. Michael Ross, the father, died June 20, 1819, in the sixtieth year of his life. Anne, his wife, died July 31, 1818, in her fifty-fifth year. William, the eldest son, died, single, December 23, 1818, aged twenty-four years, and soon after he had graduated at a medical school, as a physician. John, the second son, also unmarried, died July 6, 1833, aged thirty-seven years. One of the daughters, Elizabeth, the eldest, married Peter Wycoff Vanderbelt, and died July 31, 1828, aged thirty-seven years. Margaret, the second, married James H. Huling, and was instantly killed by a locomotive while she was crossing the Philadelphia & Erie railroad tracks at Market street, Williamsport, July 25, 1872. She was eighty years of age. Anna, the third, married Major Charles Low, and died January 30, 1882, in her eighty-second year.

## THOMAS A. THOMAS.

Thomas A. Thomas, president of the Williamsport Clutch and Pulley Company, one of the leading enterprises of that thriving city, is a man of strong mentality, absolute business integrity and quick and unerring judgment. He has a large and influential circle of friends, and commands the esteem of his fellow-citizens, with whom he is identified in every public enterprise of importance.

Thomas Thomas, grandfather of Thomas A. Thomas, was born in Wales, was reared, educated and married in his native land, and about the year 1829, accompanied by his wife and two sons, Thomas and David, came to the United States, the journey in those early days being much more of an undertaking than it is in the present day of progress. They settled on the Connecticut Western Reservation, in Ohio, started to clear a small farm, and in addition to this they secured employment at carpentering where they could. After a residence of almost a year in their new home the father was killed while assisting his neighbor building a log house, and thus the care and support of the mother depended on the efforts of the two boys. They continued in this way until about 1835, in which year Thomas died and David went to work alone.

David Thomas, father of Thomas A. Thomas, devoted the greater part of his time to carpentering, the court house, several churches and a great number of houses in Portage county standing as monuments to his ability and skill along those lines. He was remarkably successful in prosecuting his calling, and as a prominent and influential citizen was widely and favorably known. His sterling worth and strict integrity won him the confidence and regard of all with whom he was brought in contact. David Thomas was united in marriage to Ann Bevan, and the



children born to them are as follows: Thomas A., mentioned at length hereinafter. Charles C., who married Mary Davis, and their children are: Edith and Bessie. Mary A., who became the wife of William Harris, is the mother of a large family, and they reside in Niles, Ohio.

Thomas A. Thomas is a native of Ohio. After completing a common school education he was employed in various capacities until the age of nineteen years, when he enlisted in Company C, One Hundred and Fifth Ohio Regiment, which was under the command of Captain Gilbert, and later under Captain Mason. The regiment was busy following the noted rebel, Morgan, and many were the skirmishes and fights they had with his command. At the battle of Stone river they were a part of the Army of the Cumberland, but later at Kingston, Georgia, they were detached and became a part of the Army of Georgia. Mr. Thomas participated in General Sherman's famous march to the sea, and was in every battle and skirmish that his regiment participated in from the time of his enlistment in 1862 until his discharge, June 6, 1865, and during the entire time was never wounded or taken prisoner. He took part in the grand review in Washington, D. C., in May, 1865, receiving his honorable discharge at that time.

He at once returned to his home in Ohio, secured what employment he could in different lines, and by dint of thrift and economy saved sufficient money to allow him to go to school and prepare himself for an accountant, which calling he followed until 1879. He then came to Erie, Pennsylvania, and in company with B. B. Brown engaged in the iron business, handling the raw material, and this has continued up to the present time (1905), making an uninterrupted partnership of a quarter of a century. After they had made a successful start of this enterprise they established the Erie Specialty Manufacturing Company, which they conducted until they got it on a paying basis and then dis-



posed of it. In 1889 they went to New York state and established a power transmission company, which they continued to conduct until 1902, in which year the plant was destroyed by fire. At that time Williamsport, Pennsylvania, offered them inducements to bring their plant to this city, and in the same year the Williamsport Clutch and Pulley Company was formed, with Mr. Thomas as president. This furnished employment to about fifty men, most of whom are skilled mechanics, and thus in addition to the benefits derived by the members of the company it is beneficial to many others. Mr. Thomas casts his vote with the Republican party, the principles of which he has firmly adhered to since attaining his majority. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Free and Accepted Masons.

Mr. Thomas was united in marriage to Harriet Hall, daughter of Jesse Hall, who was one of the settlers of the Connecticut Reservation, and a western pioneer, and whose family consisted of eight other children, namely: Caroline Hibler, Miriam Burnett, David, Christian Oliver, Nancy J. Price, William H., Clarissa Miller and Jesse A. Hall. The following named children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas: Willard J., married Maud Weigel, issue: Elsie and Boyd Thomas. David Anson, married Lena Mentley, issue: Eleanor Ruth Thomas. Millward T., married Bertha Wilcox, issue: Gladys and Virginia Thomas. Charles C., unmarried. Harriet B., unmarried. George H., unmarried.

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#### THE HARMAN FAMILY.

Among the esteemed and respected families of Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, stands out conspicuously the one of which this sketch treats. David Harman, the first of whom there is any record, was a life-long resident of the Black Hole Valley, where he followed the

quiet but useful calling of agriculture, thereby providing a comfortable home for his family. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Waltman, bore him a number of children, six of whom are living at the present time (1905), namely:

1. Fannie, who became the wife of Nicholas Scheid, and one child is the issue of the union, Sarah Scheid.

2. Sarah, who became the wife of Jason Van Buskirk, no issue.

3. Charles Harman, who was born on the old homestead in the Black Hole Valley. He attended the public schools for a short period of time, and then started to earn a livelihood for himself, doing whatever presented itself for the first year. The following year he became proprietor of the National hotel, and after successfully conducting the same for two years turned it over to his father and immediately afterward (in 1871) he established a livery business, which he has conducted ever since. In 1878, in partnership with James Derr, he engaged in the undertaking business, adding this to his other line of work, and they continued thus until 1885, in which year they dissolved partnership. Mr. Harman then continued the business alone, purchasing from Mrs. Flower a fine residence on West Third street, in a central location, and with land enough to build his stables and give him room for his undertaking business. He uses his influence and deposits his vote in favor of the Democratic party, and is a loyal citizen, upholding the best interests of his fellow-townsmen. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and a member of all the Masonic bodies, and Irem Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. He married Elizabeth Lentz, daughter of Adam and Sarah (Rickard) Lentz, of Williamsport, and among the children born to them were the following: John, deceased, who married Jennie Crow, no issue; Catherine, who became the wife of Isaac Greenbaum, and mother of eight children: Minnie, Elizabeth, Myrtle,

Anna, Margaret, Joseph, Charles and George; James, who married Jane Grimes, and their children are: Harry, Mary, Margaret, Charles, Edward and James; Margaret, who became the wife of William Wood, no issue; Jane, who became the wife of James Moore, and their children are: Ruth, Asa and Marjorie; Mary, who became the wife of William Yeagle, and mother of three children: Bertha, Maud and Mollie; William, who married Matilda Carpenter, and their children are: Vera, Grant and Clare; Lehman, unmarried; and Effie, who became the wife of Theodore Harrison, and their family consists of three children: Parton, DeVon and Cecil.

4. Emma, who became the wife of Michael J. Miller, and they are the parents of one daughter, Mame, wife of Jesse Weightman, and mother of one child, Ruth Weightman.

5. Samuel B. Harman, who was born on the old homestead in the Black Hole Valley. His education was obtained in the public schools, and his first occupation was in a lumber mill, where he learned the business in all its details. He continued at this until he was about twenty years of age, when he entered into partnership with his younger brother, McClellan, and they established a grocery business, which they conducted for a number of years. After the dissolution of this connection he continued the business on his own account until 1884, in which year he disposed of it, and in January, 1885, he went to the National Hotel as proprietor, continuing as such for fifteen months. He then entered into partnership with his brother Charles in the livery and undertaking business, continued the connection for about a year and a half and then disposed of his interest to his brother. He once more assumed the proprietorship of the National Hotel, remaining until the spring of 1891, when he purchased the property known as The Old Corner Hotel, one of the landmarks of early Williamsport, which he has conducted up to

April, 1905, when he sold the personal property, but retains the real estate. He recently purchased a residence property on East Fourth street, and is the owner of one of the pretty homes for which the city of Williamsport is noted. He is a member of the Lutheran church, a Democrat in politics, and his fraternal affiliations are with Lodge No. 173, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was united in marriage to Mary Steinhilper, one of five children born to John and Theresa (Stern) Steinhilper; their children are: Eva, who became the wife of Charles Foucart, and their children are: Elsie, Tessie, Eva and Charlotte; Mary, aforementioned as the wife of Samuel B. Harman, and they were the parents of one child, Eva May, who died at the age of thirteen months; Rose, who became the wife of George Flock, and their family consists of three children: Frederic, Ruth and Samuel Harman Flock; Fanny, who became the wife of William Lamade, and two children were born to them: Williard D. and Verner; Louise, who became the wife of William C. Hopler, and they are the parents of one child, Harold Hopler.

6. George B. McClellan (commonly known as Clellan) Harman was born on the old homestead in the Black Hole Valley. He attended the public schools in South Williamsport, and after completing his education went to work in a grocery store to learn the mercantile business. He served in the capacity of clerk for five years, during which time he became thoroughly familiar with the grocery business in all its many details, and at the expiration of that period of time established a business of his own on Market street, Williamsport, opening a first-class restaurant. Later he became proprietor of the National Hotel, in Williamsport, which he conducted for two years, after which he conducted the Tivoli on Market street, continuing about five years, and the fol-

lowing two years the Federal was under his management, and then the National for nine years. He then removed to his present location and started the Alpha, which is now the finest equipped hotel outside of the large cities, and which makes a specialty of high-class trade, serving all the luxuries of the seasons at their respective times. He is actively connected with several musical organizations, and being an artist of considerable ability on the slide trombone, his services are frequently in demand as a soloist. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Keystone League, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, affiliating with Lodge No. 173. He is a staunch adherent of the principles of Democracy. Mr. Harman married Nellie McDermott, daughter of John and Kate (Downs) McDermott, whose family consists of three other children, namely: James E., Marion and Peter. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harman: David M. and Marion Emily.

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#### FLOCK FAMILY.

The Flock family of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, which has numerous representatives well established in life and occupying positions of usefulness in the community, is of German origin, the ancestral home being in Kirch Heilingen, Prussia. There was born in 1824 Henry Jacob Flock, a son of Carl F. W. and Mary Dorothea Flock. He received a common school education, and was then apprenticed to a stone mason, and after finishing his trade traveled as a journeyman, in accordance with the traditional customs of the country. During his youth he also creditably served the required term of five years in the Prussian army. He was a man of twenty-nine years when he emigrated to the United States in 1853. He first stopped in Elmira, New York, and in the following year located in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. For

several years he worked at his trade, aiding in the construction of bridges for the Pennsylvania railroad, the Dubois Mill at Williamsport, and several furnaces in that part of the state. He afterward followed boating on the canal. In 1865 he entered upon an independent career. In June, 1865, he purchased the old City Brewery, which he greatly improved and modernized, putting in an entirely new equipment, making the establishment equal to any in the state, and supplying a product which came into instant favor through a large field. He operated the brewery with great success until his death, and accumulated a comfortable estate. He was a communicant of the Lutheran church, and reared his family in its faith. In politics he was a Democrat, and fraternally he was affiliated with the local lodge of Odd Fellows. He was a man noted for industry and integrity, and was held in high regard in the community. In 1855 he married Eva Barbara, daughter of John and Eva Catherine Metzger, both natives of Germany, and of this union were born seven children: 1, Catherine Elizabeth; 2, Charles Frederick William, deceased, to be further mentioned hereinafter; 3, Henry Jacob, deceased; 4, Mary Dorothy, died in infancy; 5, John Henry, to be also further named; 6, Jacob George, of whom see further; 7, Herman Frederick William. The father of this family died November 16, 1883.

CHARLES FREDERICK WILLIAM FLOCK, eldest son of Henry Jacob and Eva Barbara (Metzger) Flock, was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1857. He began his education in the schools of that city, pursued advanced studies in Dickinson Seminary, and completed a business course in the Williamsport Commercial College. While thus well equipped for a business career, he was also an accomplished practical brewer, having learned every feature of the art. For four years prior to the death of his father he had the management of the business, and for six years succeeding that event he was both manager and book-



keeper. Subsequently the Flock Brewing Company was organized, his brothers, J. Henry, J. George and William, coming into the corporation, and in the systematization of the business Charles F. W. Flock confined himself to managerial duties, in the capacity of president, in which he continued during the remainder of his life. A man of great energy and enterprise and of fine business qualities, his activities were not confined to the industry with which his name was principally identified. He was actively connected with various commercial and financial interests, among them the Susquehanna Trust and Safe Deposit Company, the Williamsport Clutch and Pulley Company, and he was also a director in the Grit Publishing Company. A Democrat in politics, he was an acknowledged leader in party affairs, and was called to various public positions. He served for two consecutive terms as a member of the select council, and in that body rendered efficient service upon the committees on highways and sewers and gas and water, and was chairman of that on joint supply of light and water. On several occasions he was prominently mentioned for the mayoralty, but in each instance declined the proffered honor. He was a leading member of various orders and societies, in all of which he was deservedly popular. He held high rank in the Masonic fraternity, having been made a Mason in Ivy Lodge, No. 397, of Williamsport, August 9, 1897, received the Fellow Craft degree November 2, 1897, Master Mason degree December 17, 1897, and the capitular degrees in Lycoming Chapter, No. 222, Royal Arch Masters, June 13 and September 12, 1899. He was knighted in Baldwin II Commandery, No. 22, Knights Templar, December 19, 1899; received the cryptic degrees in Adoniram Council, No. 26, Royal and Select Masters, March 19, 1903, and in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite received the fourth to the fourteenth degrees on January 31, 1900, and the fifteenth to the thirty-second degree, inclusive, June 28, 1901.

He also held membership in Williamsport Lodge, No. 173, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in the local lodge of Odd Fellows. He was an enthusiastic hunter and trap shooter, and was president of the West Branch Rod and Gun Club. He was also a leading member of the Williamsport Turn Verein. He was for a number of years an efficient member of the National Guard, and rose to the rank of second lieutenant of Company B, Twelfth Regiment. With his family he was a member of the Lutheran church. March 23, 1882, he was married to Mary, daughter of G. E. Otto Siess, of Williamsport, whose personal sketch follows this in the work, and to them were born seven children: H. Jacob, Eva Barbara, G. E. Otto, Howard, Margaret, Elizabeth, and Frederick P., born September 2, 1888, died February 14, 1889.

Mr. Flock's death occurred October 20, 1904, under dramatic and peculiarly distressing circumstances. In company with a party of close personal friends he had gone into Maine on a hunting expedition, their rendezvous being Lake Millinocket, in the north central part of the state, where they set up a camp which they expected to occupy for a fortnight. On the third day after their arrival, after an arduous outing, Mr. Flock ate his meal with an unusual avidity which was ascribed to the severity of the exercise which he had taken. Early next morning he was found to be in great physical pain in his chest and arms. Dr. Campbell, his friend and family physician, who was sleeping in an adjoining tent, was summoned, and found the stricken man pale and haggard, who in response to a question said: "Before 11:30 tomorrow I'll be dead." Dr. Campbell administered restoratives and his patient dropped into a quiet, healthful sleep, which continued during the remainder of the night. In the morning he arose as usual, ate a slight breakfast, and although still suffering some pain expressed himself as about recovered. A few hours later he proposed to go hunting, which

Dr. Campbell forbade, to his great disappointment, as he asserted, "I'm not a sick man, and there's no reason why I shouldn't go." The physician was obdurate, however, and would not give his consent. The party went out on a hunt, leaving Mr. Flock and the cook at the camp. Shortly afterward Dr. Campbell felt disquietude on account of leaving Mr. Flock, and returning to the camp found him sitting up conversing with those about, apparently in usual health and spirits. Suddenly Mr. Flock arose to his feet, saying, "I think I'll go and lie down," but sank back upon his bench, apparently too weak to stand. He did, however, straighten himself, but a moment afterward fell forward upon his face, life extinct. His death was due to heart failure following upon his attack of acute indigestion the night before. The remains were at once conveyed to his home in Williamsport. No death in years caused more widespread gloom there, and the pathetic manner of his demise added much to the sympathetic character of the observations heard on every side. The funeral was attended by a very large concourse of deeply affected friends, which included representatives from every walk in life. The funeral services were conducted in accordance with the ritual of the Masonic order. And so passed away a young business man of splendid qualifications, and one who in his personal character had endeared himself to the entire community, making a sincere mourner of every one with whom he had been thrown in contact, in whatever relation.

JOHN HENRY FLOCK, son of Henry Jacob and Eva Barbara (Metzger) Flock, was born in Williamsport, August 24, 1860. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, received a thorough practical training in the Flock brewery and was soon advanced to the position of superintendent, in which he acquitted himself with excellent ability. The new brewery, which adjoins the old one and is one of the

largest in the state, with a capacity of fifty thousand barrels, was erected in 1899. The Flock Brewing Company is also interested in the lumber business in the southern states, conducting business under the style of the Saluda River Lumber Company; also the Border State Lumber Company, with headquarters at Greenville, South Carolina. In 1880 Mr. Flock went to Philadelphia and was there engaged in the brewing business with the firms of J. & P. Baltz and Hensler & Flach, leading brewers of that city. In 1880, the same year, he returned to Williamsport, and since then has been engaged in the business founded by his father. He was initiated in Ivy Lodge, No. 397, Free and Accepted Masons, October 11, 1897, received the degree of Fellow Craft November 17, 1897, and Master Mason December 17, 1897. In Lycoming Royal Arch Chapter, No. 222, he received the degrees of Mark Master, May 12, 1903, and Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Master, June 4, 1903. In Adoniram Council, No. 26, Royal and Select Masters, he received the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, October 2, 1903. In Baldwin II Commandery, No. 22, Knights Templar, he received the degrees of Red Cross, October 8, 1903; Knight Templar, November 17, 1903, and Malta, March 15, 1904. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he has attained the thirty-second degree.

He is a prominent member of the Williamsport Turn Verein and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. In politics he is a Democrat. In May, 1886, he married Elizabeth Foura, and they are the parents of five children: Henry Jacob, Carl, Catherine Elizabeth, Eugene Campbell, and Ralph Metzger, died at the age of fourteen months.

JACOB GEORGE FLOCK, son of Henry Jacob and Eva Barbara (Metzger) Flock, was born in Williamsport, September 15, 1864. He, like his elder brothers, was educated in the public schools of that city, and later attended the commercial college. He then entered the employ of

C. F. Gordon & Company, proprietors of a dry goods store on Pine street, Williamsport, and served one year as assistant bookkeeper. He then entered the freight office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and served in the capacity of bookkeeper for four years, after which he entered the Flock brewery and served in the various departments, then assumed management of the bottling department, which position he still holds, and also (1905) fills the position of secretary of the Flock Brewing Company. He is a Lutheran in religion, and holds membership in the local Turn Verein. He was initiated in Ivy Lodge, No. 397, Free and Accepted Masons, August 9, 1897, and received the degrees of Fellow Craft November 2, 1897, and Master Mason December 17, 1897. In Lycoming Royal Arch Chapter, No. 222, he received the degrees of Mark Master March 10, 1903, Most Excellent Master, March 16, 1903, and Royal Arch Master, March 16, 1903. In Adoniram Council, No. 26, Royal and Select Masters, he received the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, May 18, 1903. In Baldwin II Commandery, No. 22, Knights Templar, he received the degrees of Red Cross, April 29, 1903, Knight Templar, April 29, 1903, and Malta, March 15, 1904. In Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he has received the thirty-second degree. On March 1, 1888, he married Rosa Steinhilper, daughter of John Steinhilper, of Williamsport, whose birth occurred April 11, 1864. Their children are: Kathryn Elizabeth, born September 19, 1889, died July 16, 1890; Frederick Paul, born November 11, 1896; Ruth Elizabeth, born April 29, 1898, and Samuel Harman, born October 7, 1902.

HERMAN FREDERICK WILLIAM FLOCK, son of Henry Jacob and Eva (Metzger) Flock, was born in Williamsport, March 15, 1870. He attended the common and high schools of that city, graduating from the latter in the class of 1890. He was engaged in the orchestra business for nine years, during which time he served as pianist for the Elite



Orchestra, and for the Stopper and Fisk Orchestra, the leading orchestras of Williamsport. He served as bookkeeper for the Flock Brewing Company until April, 1905, and after the death of his brother Charles was appointed president and manager of the company, in which capacity he is serving at the present time. He is one of the directors in the Susquehanna Trust and Safe Deposit Company, a member of the Young Men's Democratic Club, the Williamsport Wheel Club, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Williamsport, and St. Mark's Lutheran church. He was initiated in Ivy Lodge, No. 397, Free and Accepted Masons, October 11, 1897, and received the degrees of Fellow Craft, November 17, 1897, and Master Mason, December 17, 1897. In Lycoming Royal Arch Chapter, No. 222, he received the degrees of Mark Master, February 20, 1902; Most Excellent Master, February 20, 1902, and Royal Arch Mason, March 11, 1902. In Adoniram Council, No. 26, Royal and Select Masons, he received the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, March 19, 1903. In Baldwin II Commandery, No. 22, Knights Templar, he received the degrees of Red Cross, September 16, 1902; Knight Templar, October 21, 1902, and Knight of Malta December 16, 1902. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he received the thirty-second degree, April 20, 1899, at Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, and later with others instituted a Consistory in Williamsport, and is one of the charter members. Mr. Flock was married December 12, 1894, to Lillian May Bloom, born December 20, 1872, daughter of William Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Fisher) Bloom, the former named serving as secretary of the Williamsport Water Company, and both being representatives of old and honored pioneer stock. Mrs. Flock was educated in the Williamsport public and high schools, and is a member of St. Mark's Lutheran church. Mr. and Mrs. Flock are the parents of three children, as follows: Herman Frederick Will-



iam, born October 1, 1895; Barbara Belle, born July 3, 1897; John Fred., born November 6, 1899. Mr. Flock purchased the R. Y. Nice property at 144 East Fourth street, remodeled the same in 1905, and is now the possessor of a modern and handsome residence.

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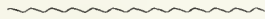
G. E. OTTO SIESS.

G. E. Otto Siess was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, September 14, 1835, son of Andrew Joseph and Mary Magdaline Siess. He was reared in his native land, and received his education in the common schools of that country. He learned the book binder's trade and worked at that business in Germany for five years, and subsequently worked for several years in Paris, France.

In 1854 Mr. Siess came to the United States, and first located in Scranton, Pennsylvania. In 1855 he came to Williamsport, where he found employment in a saw mill, and by close economy was able to save a small amount out of his wages. He afterwards engaged with Frank Campbell in the book binding business, purchased the plant in July, 1856, and the following year he removed it to the old site of the Gazette and Bulletin office. In 1858 he removed his plant to the corner of Pine and Fourth streets, where he also established a confectionery and fruit store in connection with his bindery. In 1861 he moved to the Academy of Music building, where he remained until 1868, and then removed to near the corner of William and Fourth streets. He disposed of his confectionery and fruit store, purchased new machinery and engaged in the book binding business and also conducted a stationery store. In 1874 he purchased the building later occupied by his son, William C., next to the Trust building, where he continued his business. Mr. Siess was the pioneer of the book binding business in Will-

iamsport, and established the first bindery between Elmira and Harrisburg. In 1877 he purchased the "Times," and in October, 1879, the "Banner," and published the paper for five months. He sold it to Jacob Sallade, February 26, 1880, and retired from the printing and book binding business. Mr. Siess is vice-president, stockholder and director in the Susquehanna Trust and Safe Deposit Company, and a stockholder in the Merchants' National Bank, the Savings Institution, and the Old Demorest Sewing Machine Company. He is a member of the Masonic order and is connected with the lodge, chapter and commandery. He adheres to the principles of the Democratic party.

Mr. Siess was married in 1856 to Elizabeth, born 1835, daughter of Barnhart Ziegler, of Williamsport, who bore him a family of five children: William C., who is engaged in the book and stationery business on West Fourth street; Mary, wife of Charles F. W. Flock; Louise, wife of W. D. Leeds; Amelia, wife of John Gerrsting, of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company; and Tillie, wife of Howard Boyer, a Pennsylvania railroad freight agent. All are residents of Williamsport. The family are members of the Lutheran church.



#### THE EVENING NEWS.

Although the youngest member of the newspaper family of Williamsport, the "News" has long since passed the infantile state of its existence, and its makeup and general appearance equals if not surpasses its journalistic brethren of that city. In fact, the "News" never passed through the swaddling-band and kilt periods of life, as it appeared at its birth in a well-fitting suit of tailor-made long clothes, and has worn them ever since, although compelled by necessity to change its wardrobe frequently during the growing stage. Coming into the world as a waif

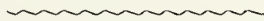
during a tempestuous period in the history of Williamsport journalism, its unusual precocity and indefatigable activity at the start was such as to secure its admission to newspaperdom in the face of sternly applied parental opposition. That it has always conducted itself with propriety is fully attested by the fact that it is now and has been for some years one of the leading dailies in the city, and like any other self-made individual, it has every reason to be proud of its achievements.

The Evening News was established April 16, 1894, and was the outcome of a general strike among the union printers employed upon the daily newspapers in Williamsport. The strike occurred on Friday morning, April 13, and on the following Monday its first issue made its appearance as a four-page six-column morning newspaper. There had been no preparations for its publication prior to the strike, but on Saturday, April 14, when it became evident that the difficulty between the printers and their employers would not be immediately adjusted, a hastily appointed committee representing the Williamsport Typographical Union made a hurried arrangement with Mr. George S. Lenhart, publisher of the "Breakfast Table," a Sunday newspaper, whereby his type and press could be used for the purpose of printing a daily sheet, to be conducted by the union. A sufficient quantity of white paper for its first edition was purchased at a local book and stationery store and carried to the "Breakfast Table" office, a primitive log structure located on Pine street, south of the canal, and here the "News" was born. The paper continued to be published under the direction of the local Typographical Union for several weeks, or until the organization of the News Publishing Company (Limited), who changed it from a morning to an evening paper. The new company was composed exclusively of union printers, and every position in every department was occupied by a member of the Typographical Union.

The election of a general manager culminated in the choice of Harry G. Reed, who labored diligently and faithfully in its behalf for a period of nearly nine years, or until his death, which occurred in February, 1903. Under his fostering care the waif grew to maturity, acquired an abundance of genuine prosperity and its columns were augmented from time to time in order to accommodate the increased advertising patronage resulting from its enlarged circulation.

On August 27, 1894, the News office was removed from the log cabin on Pine street to the three-story frame building at No. 319 Hepburn street, where it was printed with its own type and issued from its own press. In May, 1900, the company removed its office and equipment to the present location, 313 West Fourth street, a fast perfecting press and linotype machines were installed, and the "News" is now issued from one of the best equipped daily newspaper establishments in the city.

Many of the original members of the company are still connected with it. Its officers are: President, Mr. E. L. Schuyler; secretary, Mr. J. B. Gohl; treasurer, Mr. John L. Foster, and the board of management is composed of Messrs. E. F. Wolf, E. L. Schuyler, Mr. R. H. Peard, Mr. John Bischof and Mr. J. B. Gohl. Mr. Elmer L. Schuyler acts as editor, and the business department is in charge of Mr. Edmund F. Wolf, who was elected to succeed the late Mr. Reed.



#### CHARLES W. OPP.

Charles W. Opp, a representative citizen of Montour county, Pennsylvania, whose residence is located directly on the edge of Lycoming county, was born August 28, 1852, in Muncy Creek township, a son of John Philip and Abigail (Andrews) Opp, and grandson of John and

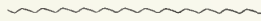
Sarah M. (Fiester) Opp, whose ancestors were among the early settlers of this section of the state.

John Philip Opp (father) was born in Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1822. He attended the common schools of that day during the winter months, as was the custom of boys reared in the country, and later turned his attention to farming and lumbering, from which occupations he derived a goodly income. He was one of the well known and influential residents of Muncy Valley, contributing in various ways to its growth and prosperity, and filling several township offices with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. He was one of the corporators of the Citizens' National Bank of Muncy, and was a director of that institution from its organization. He cast his vote with the Republican party, the principles of which he firmly believed to be for the best form of government. He was united in marriage to Abigail Andrews, in 1846, and eight children were born to them, three of whom died in infancy. The surviving members of the family were: J. Reed, Coleman, Charles W., John P., a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Oakley died aged about fifteen.

Charles W. Opp attended the common schools adjacent to his home, thereby gaining a thorough and practical education, which is so essential to success in life. His industry and perseverance in the cultivation of his land has been rewarded by large harvests, from which he derives a goodly income wherewith to provide his family with the necessities and some of the comforts of life. His political views coincide with those advocated by the Republican party, to which he has given his support since attaining his majority. He is an honored member of the Grange.

Mr. Opp married, March 27, 1886, Harriet Catherine Bartlow, who was born in Moreland township, September 20, 1863, a daughter of Amos and Mary Jane (Minnier) Bartlow, natives of Germany, who

were the parents of seven children, namely: Joseph W., Margaret, William, Lorena, dead; Harriet Catherine, Martha Jane and John Davis Bartlow. Six children, all of whom are unmarried and reside at home, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Opp: Harvey O., born February 26, 1887; Walter W., born April 23, 1890, and died in infancy; Abigail, born October 12, 1891; Effie M., born June 25, 1893; Bruce A., born January 29, 1897; and Wilbur R., born December 6, 1899.



### THE WILLIAMSPORT "SUN."

The Williamsport "Sun," with its circulation of over eleven thousand daily, and a Tri-Weekly circulation of over four thousand, enjoys the distinction of being recognized as among the leading newspapers of Pennsylvania. The present "Sun" is the outgrowth of what were originally the "Weekly Sun and Democrat" and the "Weekly Banner." The former was established in Williamsport in July, 1870, by Col. Levi L. Tate, a veteran newspaper editor, whose tombstone in Wildwood cemetery now bears the tribute, "Fifty years an editor."

The publication of the "Weekly Banner" was begun by E. B. Haines, in June, 1874, and in February of the next year he began the publication of an evening daily "Banner." In 1879 the "Banner" was sold to G. E. Otto Siess, who, in 1880, sold the plant and paper to Jacob Sallade & Son. That year they had also purchased Colonel Tate's "Sun and Democrat."

The Messrs. Sallade merged the two publications into the "Sun and Banner," continuing to print both daily and weekly editions. Charles T. Huston was editor. A year later J. M. Wolf and Company



purchased the paper, and in 1882 a stock company, under the corporate title of The Sun and Banner Publishing Company, was formed.

Two years subsequent to the company's formation, James W. Sweely, a practical and successful young newspaper man, secured control of the paper and assumed its business and editorial management. He changed its name to the "Sun." It was from the time of Mr. Sweely's assumption of control that the "Sun" began its career of substantial ascendancy. Mr. Sweely was its managing head for just twenty years, or until his death, in January, 1904, at which time the "Sun" had grown from the little four-page paper of eleven hundred circulation to a seven-column eight-page paper of almost ten thousand circulation. The "Weekly Sun" has been gradually growing also until it developed first into a Semi-Weekly and then into a Tri-Weekly, its present form.

The "Sun," when it was begun, occupied quarters at the southwest corner of Market Square, but in 1894 it was moved into its own building at the corner of Government place and Willow street. A short time thereafter the "Sun" absorbed the "Daily Republican" and later the "Daily Times," both competitors in the evening field, and the best portions of the equipment and subscription lists of these two papers were added to it. The "Sun" is equipped with four Mergenthaler type-setting machines and a Goss Straightline sixteen-page perfecting printing press, with a capacity of 20,000 complete papers, folded and counted, per hour. Its plant and equipment has kept pace with modern ideas and is complete and perfect for its needs.

The politics of the "Sun" is Democratic. Its circulation, beside that in the city proper, embraces all the towns of the West Branch Valley and many others contiguous thereto.

The management of the "Sun," at the death of James W. Sweely, was placed in the hands of George E. Graff, he having been assistant

manager to Mr. Sweely for several years prior to the latter's death. In the editorial conduct of the "Sun" much character and zeal has been given it by John R. Bixler, its present editor-in-chief, who has been with the "Sun," on its editorial staff, for almost twenty years. Its excellent local department is in charge of City Editor Elmer E. Person, whose experience and ability in the Central Pennsylvania news field is second to none.

John G. Hammer, a prominent business man of the city, who has taken an active interest in the "Sun" from its beginning, is president of the Sun and Banner Publishing Company.



#### GEORGE B. MERRILL.

Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, is the home of quite a number of men who were thrown upon their own resources at an early age, and whose natural aptness and energy were developed and strengthened by contact with the world, resulting in making their lives more than ordinarily successful in worldly prosperity, and winning respect. Among this number is George B. Merrill, one of the oldest lumbermen in this section of the state in point of service, and a worthy representative of a family whose early ancestors were Huguenots, they leaving their home in France to escape religious persecution, and settling in England, from whence three brothers of this family emigrated to America, locating somewhere in the state of Massachusetts, but subsequently their paths in life separated and therefore their descendants are to be found throughout the various states in the Union.

Paul S. Merrill, grandfather of George B. Merrill, was united in marriage to Elizabeth Stephen, who bore him three children, as fol-

lows: Elizabeth, Ellen and Paul S. Merrill. Mr. Merrill died when his youngest child was but two years of age.

Paul S. Merrill, father of George B. Merrill, was born in Newberryport, Maine, and was there reared and educated. When seventeen years of age he went to the northeastern part of his native state, where he at one time served in the capacity of clerk and later studied law. After his marriage to Caroline Blanchard, who was born in Cumberland county, Maine, a daughter of John Blanchard, a farmer, and a descendant from a long line of sea-faring men, Mr. Merrill settled in the town of Blanchard, where at one time he occupied the responsible position of sheriff of the county. When his son, George B. Merrill, was ten years of age he moved to the town of Shirley and there practiced his profession of law, settled estates, and took an active and prominent part in the political affairs of the town, his support being given to the Democratic party, whose principles he advocated throughout his lifetime. About the year 1870 he removed to Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, and there practiced law up to the time of his demise, June 15, 1892. His wife, whose death occurred in Lock Haven, bore him a family of eight children, among whom was Paul B., who died in 1886; he was a lumberman in Lock Haven and Williamsport, Pennsylvania. George B., mentioned at length hereinafter. John C., a prominent and successful lumberman in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

George B. Merrill was born in Piscataquis county, Maine, December 10, 1838. He spent his boyhood days on a farm in his native state, and his educational advantages were acquired in the district school, which he attended during a portion of the time until he attained the age of fourteen years, at which time he began to earn a livelihood for himself, drawing supplies to lumber camps in the winter months and working on the farm during the summers, and when old enough he was

made manager of the farm. In September, 1858, when almost twenty years of age, he came to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and later went to Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, on a canal boat, there being no railroads running at that time throughout that section of the state. Mr. Merrill worked in the woods for three of his uncles, who were engaged in the lumber business, having located in Lock Haven about the year 1856, and he continued this occupation until the fall of 1861, when he purchased a piece of woods, a portion of the property of a farmer, and began lumbering on his own account, selling his first thousand feet (white pine) for four dollars per thousand on the bank; this was on Anderson creek in Clearfield county, Pennsylvania. From that small beginning he gradually increased his business, purchasing and clearing from time to time large tracts of lumber lands, and at the present time (1905) is the owner of an extensive and lucrative lumber business, conducting the same on Dent's Run, Elk county. For a period of almost twenty years Mr. Merrill gave his personal attention to the woods, putting in the logs and performing various other duties equally essential and important, and in the year 1865 475,000,000 feet of logs was put into the Susquehanna river, a portion of which was put in by Mr. Merrill. In the latter named year a company was organized known as N. Shaw & Co., consisting of Neamiah Shaw, Paul B. and George B. Merrill, and this continued to exist until 1901, when the firm was merged into that of George B. Merrill & Company. Mr. Merrill is also largely interested in the coal business, holding membership in the Dent's Run Coal Company, one of the leading enterprises of Elk county. He was also at one time extensively interested in the manufacture of fire brick at Lock Haven, Clearfield county, and at present holds stock in the company, which was organized by him in 1884. From this brief account of his business career it is plainly seen that Mr. Merrill is what might be termed a self-made man.

He started out on the journey of life with little save his own energetic and industrious disposition, but by means of his sterling qualities he has succeeded in attaining a high position for himself both in a financial and social way. In June, 1886, he took up his abode in Williamsport and has since made this city his headquarters, his home. He supports the men and measures of the Democratic party, but has never sought or held office, preferring to devote his entire time and attention to business pursuits. He is a member of Lafayette Lodge, No. 196, Free and Accepted Masons, of Lock Haven, and a member of the Knights Templar. He attends the Episcopal church.

Mr. Merrill was united in marriage to Miriam S. Wiggin, of Greenville, Maine, a daughter of Andrew Wiggin, a lumberman of Maine and a descendant of an English ancestry. One child was the issue of this union, Philip S. Merrill, who married Margaret Reynolds, and they are the parents of one child, George B. Merrill. Philip S. Merrill is a member of the firm of George B. Merrill & Brother, at Dent's Run, Elk county, Pennsylvania. Mr. Merrill has a beautiful residence in Vallamont, Williamsport, one of the finest in the city, surrounded with well kept and spacious lawns, stately trees and handsome flowerbeds, and the house is thoroughly equipped with every modern improvement that will conduce to the comfort and ease of its inmates. The public and private life of Mr. Merrill are alike above reproach, and his honorable, upright career has gained him the confidence and good wishes of all with whom business or social relations have brought him in contact.

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EUGENE BERDSON BARDON, D. D. S.

Among the representative members of the dental profession in the city of Williamsport may be mentioned the name of Dr. Eugene B. Bardon, a native of Fairfield township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, born January 3, 1875.



John B. Bardo, father of Dr. Bardo, is a son of Elijah Bardo, and his birth occurred in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania. His entire active career has been devoted to farming and auctioneering, in which latter vocation he has gained a large degree of prominence and financial success. He was united in marriage to Mary Ann Hostetter, who was born in McAlisterville, Juniata county, Pennsylvania, was educated at McAllisterville Academy and the Triscora Female Seminary, and prior to her marriage taught school in Lycoming county. She was a member of the Progressive Brother church, and faithfully and conscientiously performed all the duties pertaining to wifehood and motherhood. On June 20, 1904, after a week's illness, she passed away at their home about three miles below Montoursville, Pennsylvania, aged fifty-one years. Mr. Bardo and his wife were the parents of three children: Eugene Berdson, mentioned hereinafter; S. Viola, born August 17, 1877, in Fairfield, Lycoming county. She was educated at the Muncy Normal school, devoting her time to music and teaching in the public schools. In 1904 she was united in marriage to Mr. Alva Atherholt of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, where she now resides. During August, 1905, a little boy was born, Harold Bardo Atherholt. Roscoe R., born May 23, 1883, in Fairfield township, Lycoming county. He attended the Muncy Normal and the Lock Haven State Normal school. He now is residing at home with his father.

Eugene B. Bardo acquired a practical education in the public schools of Fairfield township and Muncy Normal School, and the following six years followed the vocation of teaching. He served two years in the Bastress school, one year in the schools of Fairfield township and one year at Loyalsockville, one year in the Road school in Fairfield township, and two years as principal of the Lloyds Addition School. In 1898 he entered the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, from which he



was graduated in 1902. He was a member of the Piere Dental Society of Philadelphia during his collegiate course. He was at once appointed dental surgeon at the Incurable Hospital, Philadelphia, and in addition to these duties practiced his profession in the city of Philadelphia, his offices being located on Chestnut and Broad streets, he serving as manager of the Dental Parlors. In 1903 he took up his residence in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and August 2 of that year opened an office at No. 11 East Market square, where he has since been actively engaged in the practice of his profession. He has built up one of the largest practices of any dentist in the city, this being wholly due to his superior workmanship, and his offices are thoroughly equipped with every modern appliance for all kinds of dental work. Dr. Bardo is a member of Abraham Lincoln Council, No. 513, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Montoursville, Pennsylvania. He is a Republican in politics. He is a man of strong mental and physical powers, is what is termed a self-made man, having earned the money to defray his collegiate course, and is honest and upright in every particular.

Dr. Bardo married, December 29, 1904, Bettie B. Hower, only daughter of the late A. D. Hower and his wife, Drusilla (Schuyler) Hower. Mrs. Dr. Bardo was educated in the Friends School in Philadelphia and Muncy High School, graduating from the latter in the class of 1896. For eight years prior to her marriage she was an instructor in the Institution for the Deaf at Philadelphia. She is a member of the First Baptist church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and Dr. Bardo attends the same.

A. D. Hower, father of Mrs. Dr. Bardo, was born in Milton, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, February 21, 1845, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Dreisbach) Hower, natives of Northampton county, Pennsylvania. Nicholas Hower, a son of Jacob Hower, came to Milton

when he was quite young, and there married Elizabeth Dreisbach, who had also migrated with her parents to Milton. They finally located on a farm near Turbutville, where they died after having reared five children: George W., who practiced law several years in Sunbury, and is now bookkeeping in Cleveland, Ohio; A. D., Aaron A., who taught school many years and then turned his attention to farming; William H., who followed agricultural pursuits; and Caroline, who became the wife of Charles Windaw. Nicholas Hower was a member of the Lutheran church, and his wife of the Reformed.

A. D. Hower was educated at the Millersville Normal school, Lancaster county, having been graduated in the scientific and a part of the classical course in 1871. He began the study of law in August of that year, under the able tuition of W. C. Lawson, of Milton, Pennsylvania, and was admitted to the bar, August 4, 1874. He began his practice at Turbutville, Pennsylvania, and soon after was elected principal of the public schools of Muncy, which, in 1875, were converted into a Normal, and he was selected as professor of mathematics and theory and practice of teaching. In July, 1876, he opened an office in Muncy, where for many years he prosecuted his profession diligently and earnestly. He was a Republican in politics. On July 4, 1872, he married Drusilla Schuyler, daughter of Lewis Schuyler, residing then near Turbutville, and to this union were born two children: Bettie B. (Mrs. Dr. Bardo), born July 18, 1879. Lewis, born January, 1873, was educated at Mt. Airy schools, Pennsylvania. After completing his course he returned to Muncy, where he now lives. Mr. Hower belonged to the Reformed church, and his wife and daughter are members of the Baptist church. Mr. Hower died at his home in Muncy, December 18, 1895. He was the first to organize a normal class in the Muncy school.

## FRANK LAWRENCE MOYER, M. D.

The first reliable information concerning the Moyer ancestry is found in the record of baptisms in Host church, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, beginning with Maria Barbara Moyer, born January 9, 1759, baptized February 16, 1759, daughter of Valentine and Margaret Barbara Moyer, the former named, date of birth not known, died 1797. Valentine and Margaret Barbara Moyer were the parents of a large family of children. Valentine Moyer had a son Philip by a previous marriage. Philip Moyer has a number of descendants who reside in the vicinity of Linglestown, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania.

Valentine Moyer, fourth son of Valentine and Margaret Barbara Moyer, was born in 1776, and died 1825. He married, name not known, and their children were: William, born 1809, died 1883; John S., born 1812, died 1890, mentioned hereinafter; Daniel M., born 1814, died 1887; Henry, born 1816, died 1903; and David, born 1821, died 1892.

John S. Moyer, second son of Valentine and ——— Moyer, was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1812. He learned the shoe trade and followed the same in the lower part of the state until 1865, when he moved to Lewis township, on Lycoming creek, settled on a farm and there resided until 1872, when he changed his place of residence to Trout Run, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. He there led a retired life until his decease, which occurred January 13, 1891, in Tioga Center, while on a visit to his relatives. He was united in marriage to Mary Hartranft, who was born in 1814 and died in 1878, a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Frankenburger) Hartranft, and a relative of ex-Governor Hartranft. Their children were as follows: Rev. Henry C., of Auburn, New York. Harriet, wife of Warren W. Ransom, of Tioga Center, New York. Dr. Daniel V., of Maryland.

Sarah E., widow of William E. Crane, of Williamsport. Aaron J., owner of the Architectural Iron Works, Springfield, Ohio. William Oscar, who died at the age of twenty-four years. Martha E., wife of George H. Hopfer, of South Williamsport. Mary Emma, wife of J. M. Cornwell, of Williamsport. Dr. Frank Lawrence, mentioned at length hereinafter. Mary, who died at the age of four years. A brother, who died in infancy, and Rev. J. C. B. Moyer, of Baldwinsville, New York.

Mary (Hartranft) Moyer was a descendant of Tobias Hartranft, who came to Pennsylvania in 1734 and settled in or near Philadelphia. He was accompanied by his wife, Barbara (Yeakle) Hartranft, who bore him the following children: Maria, George, Abraham, Melchoir, and Rosina. Tobias Hartranft died October 4, 1778, aged seventy-four years; his wife died February 16, 1764. Abraham Hartranft, the third child of Tobias and Barbara (Yerkle) Hartranft, married Susanna Schubert, who bore him the following children: Christopher, Abraham, Barbara, John, Leonora. Abraham died December 12, 1766; his wife died December 29, 1779. John Hartranft, the fourth son of Abraham and Susanna (Schubert) Hartranft, was born April 21, 1753. He was married three times. His first wife, Mary, was the mother of five children: Susan, Bessie, William, Andrew and George. His second wife, Catharine, had nine children. His third wife, whose name is unknown, had three children. Andrew Hartranft, son of John and Mary Hartranft, was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1785 or 1788, died 1830. He married, March 26, 1809, Mary Frankenburger, who bore him the following children: Henry, Conrad, Mary, above mentioned as the wife of John S. Moyer and mother of Dr. Frank L. Moyer; John, William, Samuel, Elizabeth, Joseph, Andrew and George. All of these children are now deceased with the exception of Elizabeth, now (1905) aged eighty-two years, who became the wife of Joseph

Sager. Andrew Hartranft and his family resided near Faulkners Swamp, Pottstown, Pennsylvania; then six miles north of Pottsville, on Silver creek, in Schuylkill county, at a rolling mill; then in Union county; then at Watontown, and subsequently at Delaware Run.

Frank Lawrence Moyer, son of John S. and Mary (Hartranft) Moyer, was born in Muncy, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, July 2, 1859. He attended the common schools of Lewis township and Williamsport. He left the parental roof at the age of twelve years, and worked on a farm until seventeen years of age. He then accepted a position as bookkeeper in Maxwell's general store at Trout Run, remaining there until nineteen years old, when he accepted a position as weighmaster for the Mercer Mining and Manufacturing Company, at Harrisville, Butler county, Pennsylvania, in which capacity he served for two years. At the age of twenty-one he entered the employ of a railroad contractor on the P. C. & S. L. as bookkeeper, and continued in the same for four years. He then came to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and for a time read medicine in the office of Dr. C. D. Hunt. In 1889 he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Maryland, and after spending two terms there entered the Kentucky School of Medicine, from which he was graduated in 1891. He opened an office at No. 16 West Market square, Williamsport, where he has since conducted a general practice, and now enjoys a large and lucrative patronage, which is the direct result of his skill and ability along the line of his chosen profession. He is a member of the Lycoming County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. He is attending physician of the Home for the Friendless and of the Florence Crittenden Home. He is a member of the Third Street Methodist Episcopal church, a member of the



Knights of Malta, and a trustee, director and national examiner of the National Protective Association. He is a Democrat in politics.

Dr. Moyer was married January 1, 1887, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to Julia C. Bennett, daughter of William and Sarah (Marshall) Bennett. No children were born of this union. William Bennett was born in the north of Ireland, and was a descendant of a Scotch ancestry. When he was eight years of age, an uncle of his decided to emigrate to America with his family. Young Bennett went on the vessel with them, and while playing with the children, the gang plank was removed and he was brought to this country. His uncle settled in New York. Mr. Bennett later came to Pennsylvania, settling at Balls Mills, where he followed the occupation of farming. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, both of whom are now deceased, are as follows: James V., of Williamsport; Dr. A. W., of Liberty, Tioga county, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Jefferson Shoemaker, of Williamsport; Mrs. Jennie C. Bastian, of Colorado; Mrs. Alvira Wilson, of Tacoma, Washington; Sadie S., of Williamsport, and Julia C., wife of Dr. Frank L. Moyer.

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#### ALBERT WILSON.

The family of which Albert Wilson, a representative citizen of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is a member, traces its ancestry to Jonathan Wilson, son of Jonathan and Abigail Wilson, who was born March 15, 1775, in Independence township, Sussex county, New Jersey, and died at Montoursville, Pennsylvania, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife, whose maiden name was Anna Schooly Wilson, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Wilson, was born August 25, 1777, in Independence township, Sussex county, New Jersey, and died at the age of thirty-three years. Their children were: Cadwalader Evan, born Septem-



ber 27, 1799, in Loyalsock township, Lycoming county, died at the age of twelve years, and Nancy Schooly, born March 15, 1806, in Loyalsock township, Lycoming county, became the wife of a Mr. Pryor, and died at the age of thirty-six years.

Jonathan Wilson married for his second wife Mary Chilcott, who was born in Richland township, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, February 26, 1784, a daughter of Amos and Anna Chilcott, and her death occurred at Berwick, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, at the age of eighty-four and a half years. Eight children were the issue of this union, four of whom attained manhood and womanhood, as follows: 1. Evan C., mentioned hereinafter. 2. Mary Ann, born November 29, 1820, became the wife of Aaron Clayton, and at her death was survived by a family. 3. Abigail, became the wife of Jonathan O. Crawford, and of their seven children, three died in early life, and the surviving members were as follows: Charles W., who died in Florida, leaving heirs; Joseph W., a resident of Philadelphia, married, no issue; Mary Jane, wife of Professor T. F. Gahan, of Williamsport, and mother of two children. Clara C., wife of W. K. Heylman, of Montoursville. 4. William Rufus, born September 18, 1827, died in Muskegon, Michigan, leaving a family.

Evan C. Wilson, son of Jonathan and Mary (Chilcott) Wilson, was born March 3, 1819. He married Sarah Ann Crawford, daughter of William and Rebecca Crawford, and their children were as follows: Albert, mentioned hereinafter. Mary Jane, wife of Joseph Yeagle, and mother of ten children. Rebecca Ann, deceased, was the wife of Thomas Frymier, and they were the parents of six children. Charles C., who died in early life. The mother of these children died in 1850. Mr. Wilson married for his second wife Leah Crawford, a sister of his first wife, and two children were born to them: William, who married

Della Fulcrod; Edward, who married Hester Young, and live in South Dakota, and their children are Leon and Esther Laverne Wilson. Evan C. Wilson died at the age of forty-nine years.

Albert Wilson, only surviving son of Evan C. and Sarah Ann (Crawford)\* Wilson, was born September 15, 1842. After completing his studies in the public schools of his native town he was employed in a butcher shop, and while serving thus learned the details of the trade. He then engaged in the lumber business for a short period of time, but later returned to the stock business, and has followed it up to the present time (1905). He is also extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits and is the owner of two farms aggregating two hundred acres, which are devoted to the raising of a general line of farm produce, which finds a ready sale in the nearby markets. He takes an active interest in all that concerns the welfare of the community in which he resides, and his political support is given to the Republican party, the principles of which he has firmly adhered to since attaining his majority.

Albert Wilson was united in marriage to Elizabeth Brelsford, who bore him the following named children: Charles, who married Margaret Garvy, and they are the parents of one child, Albert Stanley Wilson. Frances, who became the wife of William Ebner, and their children are: Elizabeth, Elsie and Margaret Ebner. Albert, who married Viola Hymen, and the issue of this union was three children: Linwood, Francis and John Wilson. Ellen, wife of Wilson G. Tally, and mother of one child, George Tally. Harry, who married Margaret Fulmer, no children.

The Crawford family, connected with the Wilson family by marriage, was founded in this country by Samson Crawford, a native of Scotland, who came here about the year 1788, when a young man of twenty years of age. He was one of the pioneers of Lycoming county,

Pennsylvania, settling at what is now known as Jersey Shore, and for several years thereafter taught school, he being a man of good education. He was a tanner and currier by trade, and about the year 1790 built a tannery, which was one of the first erected in the county, and there conducted a large and lucrative business. He married Miss Nancy Campbell, and they reared a family of children.

William Crawford, son of Samson and Nancy (Campbell) Crawford, was born at Jersey Shore, June 27, 1793. He attended a school which was three miles from his home, and frequently was compelled to wade Loyalsock creek in order to reach it. He acquired a fair English education, and upon attaining his majority taught school during the winter months and farmed for the remainder of the year. He resided in Upper Fairfield and Eldred townships, successively, and was one of the representative agriculturists of that locality. During the greater part of his boyhood and early manhood he lived with Nicholas Fleger, a miller, with whom he learned that trade, but being of a weak constitution could not follow the same. He was drafted during the war of 1812, but owing to the speedy cessation of hostilities was not in active duty. During his early life he was a leading member of the Methodist Episcopal church, but later joined the Christian church, of which he became an exhorter. About 1835 he organized the first Sunday school in the town of Upper Fairfield, which was held at what was known at that time as the Buckley schoolhouse. He married Rebecca Tallman, daughter of Jeremiah Tallman, a native of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and their children were: Nicholas F., of Kansas; Jonathan O., of Montoursville; Leah F.; Nancy; Sarah Ann; William, of Williamsport, for many years proprietor of the Hotel Crawford; Jeremiah T., of Trout Run; John K., of Williamsport; Joseph T., and Rebecca, wife of Gideon King, of Trout Run. The mother of these children died in

1838. Mr. Crawford married for his second wife Jane Adlum. His death occurred in Eldred township, October 1, 1884, aged ninety-one years.

John K. Crawford, son of William and Rebecca (Tallman) Crawford, was born in Upper Fairfield, May 14, 1827. He was reared on the farm and acquired a common school education. At the age of twenty years he and his brothers—Nicholas, Jonathan and William—engaged in the tannery business at Warrensville, and butchering business at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, which they conducted successfully for a number of years, and John K. has ever since engaged in the tannery and leather business. In the spring of 1858 he located in Williamsport, and about 1876 he built extensive brick tanneries at the junction of the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading railroads on Third street, with an office and salesroom at Nos. 311 and 313 Market street, where he had built a fine brick building. He is the owner of more than thirty houses in the city of Williamsport, having erected on an average about one building a year for the past fifty years. He was also engaged in the lumbering business on Loyalsock creek for over ten years, and was the owner and operator of the Warrensville flour mill for a period of twenty years. He was a member of the common council, president of the board of health for twenty-four years up to 1904, and for thirty years was assessor of the ward in which he resides. He has been a Whig and Republican in politics, and has always done all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of both organizations. He has ever been a liberal contributor to religious and benevolent enterprises, and is one of the most substantial as well as one of the most valued citizens of the community. On January 1, 1852, Mr. Crawford was married to Mary Casner, daughter of Samuel L. and Elizabeth (Swarer) Casner, of Warrensville, formerly of Hunterdon county, New

Jersey, the former named passing away in 1902, aged ninety-two years. Three children were the issue of this marriage: Elsie Jane, who resides at home; Annis H.; and Harrison Tallman Crawford.

The following "Scenes and Incidents in a Western Trip of Uncle John K. Crawford" were written by William Crawford Wilson, August 23, 1904, and published in leaflet form with the following introduction:

Uncle:—

To write this piece I've racked my brain, because I ain't no scholar,  
To fit those words and spell them right I think it's worth a dollar.  
If this don't bring that coveted sum—a dollar unto me,  
Then I'll confess I cannot earn it writing poetry.

W. C. W.

#### TO MY FRIENDS AND BODY GUARD.

When great men go a-fishing, or off to some resort,  
To spend the heated summer, into some shady port,  
They'll ask our government to give, and think it very hard,  
If they refused to send along a national body guard.

So when I started westward to witness nature's art,  
I thought I'd do like other men and be a little smart,  
To guard against the dangers—a privilege when we can—  
So I took along a body guard, a very brave "Young man."

Our party it consisted—no exceptions in the case—  
Of the truest men and women of God's noble race,  
Whose hearts and hands so eagerly were always open free,  
To lend such help to make this trip so pleasantly for me.

My lot I found so different, it makes me feel so proud,  
From what I read of other men, who came among a crowd,  
For instance you'll recall the case of Silas, Paul and Jason,  
Who fell among those wicked men instead of a true mason.

To those who formed our party there, I feel myself in debt,  
For their sympathetic kindness I shall never once forget.



As our trip was very pleasant and our friendship not in vain,  
I shall bear a kind remembrance, hoping that we'll meet again.

The sights we saw and pleasant things that came unto our view,  
How well I'd like to mention them and note them down to you,  
But space and time and memory will not permit me to,  
So what I write, I'll try my best, to make it brief and true.

The park they call the Yellowstone, is bound to take the lead,  
With its mighty snow-capped mountains is wonderful indeed,  
And its great and many geysers sending boiling waters high  
From the bowels of mother Earth t'ward the planets in the sky.

The animals so numerous and fishes in the lake,  
The gold and shining silver, of which you dare not take.  
The many birds so lovely with plumage dark and gray,  
And the handsome golden eagle, as you watch him soar away.

And the many other beauties on which your eyes would feast,  
With its rough and shining waters as they roll, pitch and seethe,  
It is then we are reminded as we view them at their berth  
And we learn that nature formed all down in mother earth.

Here we left this lovely scenery and started further west,  
And crossed the mighty Rockies upon their very crest,  
And viewed those rugged mountains, a pleasure to behold,  
With the plains in the distance, and the half cannot be told.

We viewed the place called Fremont's Peak away up in the air,  
From history's page we do recall who placed Old Glory there.  
And there beneath those stars and stripes, that shine as days of yore.  
We breathed a prayer that they may stay tho' Fremont is no more.

And the great Celestial City beyond the mountain's crest,  
With its gold, its fruit and climate is the city of the west.  
There doth sleep the old Pacific with its mighty waters great,  
And the heaven of our country may be called this golden gate.

We turned ourselves then homeward across the western plain,  
And we all seemed so anxious to get back home again.



And while we saw a great display in almost every port,  
Yet in our breast we could not hide a love for Williamsport.

We started out one afternoon, my body guard and I,  
To help the Irish celebrate and drink their Irish rye,  
And there we saw an elephant, of paper, wax, or junk,  
But when I felt and found him warm, I asked if we were drunk.

My body guard, I honor him for faithfulness to me,  
Who guarded every footstep so zealously you'll see,  
And what a pleasant pleasure to have him with me there,  
If only I'd succeeded to teach him not to swear.

He darned the fruit that I had bought and called me a Hindoo.  
To my surprise he grasped them up and out the window threw,  
He darned the grapes as awful stuff for one like me to take,  
And kindly asked if I did want to get the stomach ache.

He darned the pebbles in the road, I readily do recall,  
For fear the pesky little things might cause me there to fall;  
He darned the gutters and the ruts and tho't it was a sin,  
Because he fancied in his mind that I might tumble in.

He darned the widow on the train, and thus we saw his spunk,  
Because one night I stumbled against the lady's bunk.  
She, in no wise was to blame, yet, all were warned that he,  
Would make it very lively if they interfered with me.

He darned for my protection both early and till late;  
He darned from Pennsylvania unto the golden gate,  
And back across the mountain and all across the plain,  
And kept it up when needful till we got home again.

Now, in remembrance, I will offer to him a silver plate,  
That when he eats the staff of life he'll not forget my fate.  
Likewise, his generosity to me so kindly offered,  
I do attest sincere friendship, yours truly,

J. K. CRAWFORD.

Harrison Tallman Crawford, son of John K. and Mary (Casner) Crawford, was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, December 2, 1861. He was educated in the public schools, Muncy Normal school and Williamsport Commercial College, and the knowledge thus obtained has been greatly added to by reading, business experience and observation. In 1885 he became a partner in the tannery business established by his father, having previously learned the trade of tanner in the same establishment, working at it for five years. He has recently succeeded to the entire management of the business of the firm, and being a man of good business acumen and enterprise has attained results that far exceeded his expectations. He is a member of the First Presbyterian church and a staunch advocate of the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of Lodge No. 106, F. and A. M., of Williamsport; Lycoming Chapter, R. A. M.; Baldwin II Commandery, K. T., and has attained the thirty-second degree. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

In 1891 Mr. Crawford married Alice Gay, of Rahway, New Jersey, a daughter of M. T. Gay, a member of the firm of Blanchard Brother and Lane, of Newark, New Jersey. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Crawford: Elsie B. and Harold Gay Crawford. The family reside in a fine home at No. 415 Grampian boulevard, in Loyalsock township, just outside of the city limits.

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#### WILSON G. TALLEY.

Wilson G. Talley, a representative business man of Williamsport, whose office is located in the Hays building, was born in the city in which he now resides, September 11, 1877, a son of George W. and Augusta (Miller) Talley, and grandson of the late Charles R. and Elizabeth

(Parks) Talley. Charles R. Talley was a native of Wilmington, Delaware, a millwright by trade, and his wife was a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania. They were prominent members of the Presbyterian church.

George W. Talley (father) was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, June 22, 1838. He was reared in the village of Dauphin, residing there until seventeen years old, and receiving his education in the common schools. For four years he served an apprenticeship at the trade of architect and builder under George H. Dougherty, of Philadelphia, and for one year thereafter followed his trade in that city. He then went to Nashville and Columbia, Tennessee, and was living in the latter place at the breaking out of the rebellion. He was forced to drill with a mounted rifle company in Columbia, Tennessee, but finally succeeded in getting his business in shape and left for the north on the last train leaving Columbia before the war had actively begun. He was living in Harrisburg from May, 1861, until 1865, when, in the latter year, he enlisted in Company I, Seventy-seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until January, 1866, being with the Fourth Corps on its journey to Texas. Returning from the war he lived in Harrisburg until the spring of 1867, when he located in Williamsport, where he has built many of the best residences of the city, and has the reputation of being one of the best architects of the place.

George W. Talley was married, November 26, 1874, to Miss Augusta Miller, daughter of John Miller, of Philadelphia, by whom he had four children: Julia, died in infancy; Wilson G., mentioned hereinafter; Ralph and Harvey. Mr. Talley is a member of the Masonic order, is a Democrat in politics, and with his family belongs to Pine Street Methodist Episcopal church.

Wilson G. Talley attended the public and high schools of Williams-

port, graduating from the latter in 1897. He then accepted a position as reporter on the staff of the "Gazette and Bulletin," in which capacity he served until his resignation, four years later. He then accepted a position as bookkeeper for Albert Wilson, a dealer in horses, and in 1904 went to Colorado Springs and there accepted a position as agent for the North Western Life Mutual Insurance Company, conducting business at Colorado Springs and Denver, Colorado. Upon his return to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, he engaged in the fire and life insurance business, and March 1, 1905, purchased the insurance agency of Albert C. Sallade, with office in the Hays building, and is now devoting his attention exclusively to fire insurance. He is a member of Lodge No. 106, Free and Accepted Masons, Williamsport Consistory, and Irem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine. He is a Republican in politics. Throughout his entire active career Mr. Talley has exhibited wise foresight, great energy and strong common sense, which are the leading traits of his character.

Wilson G. Talley married, October 24, 1899, Miss Elizabeth Ellen Wilson, second daughter of Albert and Elizabeth (Brelsford) Wilson, and they are the parents of one son: George Wilson, born August 27, 1900. Albert Wilson, a sketch of whom precedes this, and his wife, Elizabeth (Brelsford) Wilson, are the parents of five children, namely: Charles, Frances, Albert, Elizabeth Ellen and Harry Wilson.

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#### JOHN WEAVER.

The death of John Weaver, son of Yockom and Margaret (Mitchler) Weaver, which occurred at his late residence in Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, his birthplace, October 2, 1901, removed from that vicinity one of its most esteemed and honored citizens.

In his business transactions he was ever straightforward and upright, and during his life-long residence in this community built up for himself a reputation as a good citizen, giving cheerfully of his time and means to whatever tended to the general welfare, and by his industry and enterprise afforded a worthy example to others.

He was united in marriage to Anna Brown, who was born in Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1878, the only child of George Brown, who resides in Ashland, Wisconsin. She survives her husband, and is now residing at No. 805 East Third street, Williamsport. Mrs. Weaver was again married, January 3, 1905, to George Calvin Reichner, of Williamsport.

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#### JOHN SMITH KIRK.

John Smith Kirk, deceased, who was favorably known to great numbers of the best classes of summer visitors and tourists through his connection with the famous Lakeside hotel, at Eagles Mere, Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, which he established and successfully conducted for many years, was a native of the state, born in Kirkland, April 9, 1835, a son of Samuel R. and Elizabeth (Smith) Kirk.

The Kirk family is of Scotch origin, and of long establishment in Pennsylvania. The founder was Alphonsus Kirk, who came to this country during colonial times and settled in Pennsylvania in 1689. It is to be here noted that in later years the county of Chester was divided, that of Delaware being created out of it, and the Kirk homestead at East Nantmeal fell within the boundaries of Chester county. Alphonsus Kirk's descendants are widely dispersed throughout the United States, and have ever been held in respect as exemplary and enterprising citizens. Isaiah Kirk, paternal grandfather of John S. Kirk, was born at

East Nantmeal, the old homestead. His sister Rachel, a prominent minister in the Society of Friends, married Phillip Price and was the mother of the famous Quaker lawyer of Philadelphia, Eli Kirk Price. His son, Samuel R. Kirk, was also born there, and was also a farmer. He married Elizabeth Smith, of Parksburg, and after a few years at Nantmeal they removed to Kirkland (near West Chester), named in honor of the family. They reared the following named children: 1. Anna, married William P. Townsend, and resided in West Chester, Pennsylvania; both are deceased. 2. William S., who resides in Philadelphia; he married Anna Kite, and (second) Bettie D. Barnes, both of whom are deceased. 3. Margaret, married Thomas Thorpe, deceased, and resides in Wilmington, Delaware. 4. Isaiah, deceased, married Susan Starr, who resided in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. 5. Elizabeth, who died, unmarried, in West Chester, Pennsylvania. 6. John S., the immediate subject of this narrative. 7. Alphonso, who resides in Canton, Ohio.

John Smith Kirk, the son of Samuel R. and Elizabeth (Smith) Kirk, was reared upon the farm at Kirkland, in Chester county, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the schools of West Chester and at the famous Westtown Boarding school, conducted under the auspices of the Society of Friends, and which has had for students during the more than one hundred years of its existence many whose names have gone into history as among its most distinguished men. John S. Kirk entered upon life as a farmer. October 8, 1862, he married C. Anna Ecroyd, and a year and a half after their marriage (in 1864) he removed to a farm near Pennsdale, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming for several years. In 1874 he took up his residence at Williamsport. In 1880, in order to find relief from asthma, from which he was a great sufferer, he removed to Eagles Mere, Pennsylvania, a most delightful



spot, where he built a cottage which he developed into the stately edifice known as "The Lakeside," which he made a noted place of resort for the most genteel and cultured class of people, and this he conducted with signal success until his death, June 1, 1904. He was a man of great enterprise, and was the pioneer in the work of improvement at Eagles Mere, with which his name will ever be intimately associated. He was a man of most exemplary character and lovable disposition. With his family, he held connection with the sect with which their ancestors were identified—the Society of Friends. He was originally a Republican in politics, and his first presidential vote was cast for the first presidential candidate of that party, John C. Fremont. Latterly he was affiliated with the Prohibitionists, ever being a staunch advocate of temperance.

To John S. and C. Anna Kirk were born two children: Katherine Ecroyd, who is unmarried; and Henry Ecroyd, who married A. Gertrude Parker, daughter of Ira J. Parker, of Pennsdale, Pennsylvania, and of this marriage was born a son, Henry Ecroyd Kirk, Jr., March 19, 1900.

C. Anna Kirk descends from an old and honored Pennsylvania ancestry. She was born in Muncy, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Henry and Catherine (Whitacre) Ecroyd. The father was born in Philadelphia in 1801, and came to Muncy Valley at the age of eighteen. He settled at Pennsdale, where he died in 1888. He was a farmer, and followed that occupation on his home place from the time of his marriage until the latter part of his life. His father, James Ecroyd, was a native of Lancashire, England. The seat of the Ecroyd family in England was Edgend, and this name Henry Ecroyd gave to his home in Pennsdale, Pennsylvania. James Ecroyd was a man of large means, and purchased several thousand acres of timber land in Sullivan county,

a part of which is still in the hands of the family. The family have been members of the Society of Friends from its rise. Catherine (Whitacre) Ecroyd, mother of C. Anna Kirk, was born in Muncy township, a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Adlum) Whitacre. In both family lines her parents were of English extraction, and were Orthodox Friends. Henry and Catherine Ecroyd were the parents of six children: 1. Susan, married James Lippincott, and lived in Philadelphia; both are deceased. 2. Mary W., married Jesse Haines, of Pennsdale, who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. 3. Martha, died unmarried. 4. James, who resides on the old Whitacre farm in Muncy township. 5. C. Anna, who became the wife of John S. Kirk. 6. Richard, married Eleanor Starr, and resides near Pennsdale, Pennsylvania.

Since the death of the husband and father, the only son, Henry Ecroyd Kirk, has conducted the splendid property which John S. Kirk created, and in which he took a laudable pride. Beautiful for situation, it entirely justifies the delicious verse of the gentle Quaker poet, Whittier:

“Tired of the long day’s blinding heat,  
I rest my languid eye.  
Lake of the Hills, where cool and sweet,  
Thy sunset waters lie.

“Life’s burdens fall, its discords cease,  
I lapse into the glad release  
Of nature’s own exceeding peace.”

Eagles Mere is unquestionably the most unique and enjoyable place in the Alleghanies for the real rest seeker, and he who would hold communion with nature in the most delightful of her visible forms. The lake of deep, clear water is spread out on the very peak of one of the loftiest mountains in Pennsylvania, at the great altitude of two thou-

sand two hundred feet above sea level, in the very heart of dense hemlock forests which on one side come down to the water's edge. A pure white sandy beach, gently shelving, makes bathing at once safe and an unalloyed pleasure. There are excellent boating facilities, and the mountains afford many delightful drives and walks. The Lakeside (owned and conducted by the Kirk family) directly overlooks the lake, commanding an unobstructed view of untiring beauty. It is provided with all modern equipments looking to comfort and security, for both adults and children, even to a carefully selected library for the use of the guests of the house. The founder of such a delightful resort, and those who have it in control, may properly be classed as public benefactors.

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#### JOHN E. CUPP.

John E. Cupp, son of William D. and Elizabeth (Faber) Cupp, was born August 11, 1876, in Williamsport, where he attended the common schools, graduating from the high school in the class of 1897. After his graduation he engaged in newspaper work, and during the years 1897 and 1898 was a reporter for the Williamsport "Times," during which period he read law with Otto G. Kaupp, and on July 7, 1900, was admitted to the Lycoming county bar. He began his practice of the law as an assistant to Otto G. Kaupp, while the latter was district attorney of Lycoming county. Since August 15, 1903, he has been associated with C. E. Sprout, Esq., having offices at No. 317 Pine street. Mr. Cupp is a Democrat in politics, having served the organization two terms as secretary. He is a member of the Lycoming Presbyterian church of Williamsport.

On June 22, 1904, he married Anna, daughter of John H. Barbe, D. D., and Adelaide Barbe, of Hughesville, Pennsylvania.

## EDWARD D. LUMLEY, M. D.

Dr. Edward D. Lumley, a practicing physician of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, was born in county Tipperary, Ireland, March 21, 1837, son of Patrick T. and Margaret (Dowling) Lumley.

Patrick T. Lumley (father) was also a native of county Tipperary, Ireland, born in 1796. He was a man of considerable means, possessed an exceedingly generous heart, and the greater part of his fortune was spent in assisting those in need and distress. He followed no particular vocation, and was what might be termed an Irish gentleman. He was a musician of note, and from this source derived a vast amount of pleasure and also contributed to the entertainment of his friends. In 1850 he emigrated to the United States and settled in Baltimore, Maryland, in which city the remainder of his days were spent. He was united in marriage to Margaret Dowling, who was born about the year 1809, and fourteen children were the issue, eleven of whom died in early childhood, and the three who survived were: Edward D., mentioned at length hereinafter. Margaret, a resident of Silver City, New Mexico, where she follows the profession of teaching music. Thomas Dowling, who was a civil engineer, and for a time chief engineer of the North Central Railroad. Patrick T. Lumley (father) died in 1860, and his wife died in 1854. Their remains were interred in a cemetery in the city of Baltimore, Maryland. They were members of the Roman Catholic church.

Edward D. Lumley was twelve years of age when his parents removed to this country, and he was reared to manhood in Baltimore, Maryland, receiving his education in the public and private schools of that city. He then pursued a course of study for civil engineer, and followed his profession nine years, a portion of this time being employed

in the construction of the Northern Central railroad from Harrisburg to Sunbury. Having concluded to turn his attention to medicine, he entered the office of Dr. J. W. Peale, of Sunbury, and graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania at the session of 1870-71. He commenced practice in Sunbury, Pennsylvania, in partnership with Dr. J. W. Peale, prior to graduating, and practiced alone at Northumberland three years after his graduation, coming to Lycoming county in 1869. He located at Rocktown, south of the river, where he remained for fifteen years. At the expiration of this period of time he removed to Williamsport, where he has since enjoyed a large and lucrative practice. Dr. Lumley has served in the capacity of surgeon of the Twelfth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, for the past six years, and keeps in touch with the advanced thought along the line of his profession by membership in the Lycoming County Medical Society. He is a Democrat in politics, but takes no active part in political affairs other than casting his vote for the candidates of his party. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum.

In 1859 Dr. Lumley married Martha Jane, daughter of Dr. J. W. and Martha Washington (Stirges) Peale, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania. Dr. J. W. Peale was a very prominent physician in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, for three decades, and his death occurred at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. Among the children born to Dr. and Mrs. Peale were: Martha Jane, wife of Dr. Lumley, and Senator Peale, of Lock Haven. Four children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Lumley, as follows: Joseph, a resident of New York city, where he is engaged in the coal business, and is also secretary and treasurer of the firm of Peale, Peacock & Karr; he married Martha Logue, a descendant of Williamsport's oldest families; no issue; Jennie L., Anna P., and Margaret D., who reside at home with their parents.

## MOSES ULMAN.

During the many years in which Moses Ulman had been a resident of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, he not only witnessed its progress from a comparatively unimportant town to its proud position as one of the foremost cities of this part of Pennsylvania, but he also aided in its development and progress along many lines. His life was a busy and useful one, and his death, which occurred August 20, 1905, removed from his adopted city one of its most influential and wealthy citizens, and one of its best illustrations of America's opportunities to those possessed of energy, thrift and experience.

Moses Ulman was born in Manheim, Germany, July 3, 1830, a son of Hiram and Rosetta Ulman, whose deaths occurred at the ages of ninety-three and sixty-eight years, respectively, and who were the parents of fourteen children, the two surviving members of whom are Mrs. Strasburger, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Kander, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. When eighteen years of age, after acquiring a practical education in the schools of his native land, Moses Ulman came to the United States and at once located in the state of Pennsylvania. Quickly foreseeing the possibilities of success which were offered to young men in this country, he immediately engaged in such trade as his limited capital permitted, and gradually increased his business until in 1850 he established a country store at Liberty, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. Continuing to prosper, he came to Williamsport in 1856 and opened a clothing store in the old Arcade building, the site of which was later occupied by the Ulman Opera House, now the remodeled Tinsman block. Success still attending him, he moved his store in 1862 to 37 West Third street, and in 1865 to 39 and 41 West Third street, where, in 1878, he admitted his two sons, Hiram M. and Lemuel M., to partnership under the firm



name of Moses Ulman & Sons, which firm continued in business till 1888, when it became, by his practical retirement, Moses Ulman's Sons. In the meantime Mr. Ulman acquired large real estate holdings, and became a stockholder and director in the Merchants' National Bank, then one of the foremost banking institutions of the city, and had become interested in the Lycoming Electric Light Company and other enterprises. In addition to being one of the largest taxpayers of the city he acquired and managed property outside the city, including his valuable farm at Muncy and a large farm in Minnesota. Mr. Ulman never really retired from business, as he always gave personal supervision to all his holdings and advised his sons in all their undertakings. Mr. Ulman was what might be termed a selfmade man; he started out in life empty-handed, with no capital save a pair of willing hands and a young man's bright hope for the future, and from a humble position steadily worked his way upward to wealth and affluence.

Mr. Ulman was possessed of more than ordinary business ability, but he had other commendable qualities. He was always courteous and considerate to those in his employ, charitable in his opinion of others, and dispensed with a liberal hand the wealth which he had accumulated during his many years of business life. In his gifts to charities and to the poor and needy he followed the scriptural injunction, "Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth." Of a retiring disposition, he never sought preferment, political or other; indeed, declined places in deference to others less able many times to discharge the duties involved, doing so not because he saw that he must give time and money, but because of his natural disposition to lead a quiet life. Still, he was interested in every public problem, in every popular enterprise, in every movement for the improvement of the municipality, and so mastered every detail that he was fully qualified to give wise counsel and helpful advice.

He was one of the founders of Temple Beth Hashalom, in the work of which he took an active interest and to the support of which he contributed most generously. At his decease his remains were placed in the Ulman mausoleum in Wildwood cemetery.

Mr. Ulman was married in 1854 to Caroline Strasburger, of Baltimore, Maryland, who survives him. She is a daughter of Isaac and Matilda Strasburger; the former died in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in August, 1861, at the age of eighty-three years, and the latter died in Manheim, Germany, at the age of sixty-six years. The children of Moses and Caroline (Strasburger) Ulman are as follows:

Hiram M. Ulman, born in Liberty, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1855. He received his education in the Williamsport high school and Dickinson Seminary, and has been engaged in business in Williamsport in the firm of Moses Ulman & Sons, and later Moses Ulman's Sons. He is one of the most influential citizens of Williamsport, and was unanimously nominated for mayor by the Democratic party in 1899; he has served in the city common council since 1892, and is now serving and has been president of that body for six years. He is a member of the Board of Trade, the Industrial Board, and Temple Beth Hashalom, in which he serves as trustee. He was made a Mason in Ivy Lodge No. 397, of Williamsport, September, 1877; received the capitular degrees in Lycoming Chapter No. 222, Royal Arch Masons, 1896; received the cryptic degrees in Adoniram Council No. 26, Royal and Select Masters, 1896; the Consistory, 1901, thirty-second degree; Irem Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Wilkes-Barre, September, 1901. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks No. 173, of Williamsport, and trustee of the same; a member of the Williamsport Democratic Club since its organization; and a member of the Turn Verein. He is a Democrat in politics.

Lemuel M. Ulman was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, September 4, 1857. He was educated in the Williamsport schools and commercial college, and his business career has been the same as that of his brother, Hiram M. Ulman. Socially he is of a retiring disposition, and has refused honors of various natures. He is a member of Temple Beth Hashalom, and the Young Men's Republican Club of Williamsport. In January, 1887, he married Fannie Wittenberg, of Elmira, New York, daughter of Joseph and Mollie (Mack) Wittenberg, and one child was born to them, Harold W., who died in 1891, aged two years and nine months.

Rosetta M. Ulman resides at home. The family residence is at 634 West Fourth street, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

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#### JOHN D. KELLEY.

The father of John D. Kelley, of Williamsport, was David Kelley, who was born in Ireland and emigrated to the United States. He settled in Frenchtown, Bradford county, Pennsylvania, and built all the aqueducts and masonry on the North Branch canal. He was a man of great bodily strength and an expert rifle shot, taking much pride and pleasure in target practice. He was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Roman Catholic church at Towanda, Bradford county.

Mr. Kelley married, in Ireland, Ellen Donacher, and their children were: 1. Nancy, who was born in Ireland and died young; 2. Margaret, who is the widow of John Buckley, of Galeton, Pennsylvania, who was well known in Lycoming county, being in partnership with John A. Gamble, at Jersey Shore; 3. John D., mentioned at length hereinafter; 4. William, who died in Frenchtown in 1859, at the age of twenty years; 5. Mary, who was the wife of Edwin Cotter, and is now deceased;

6. Elizabeth, who is married to Thomas Farrell, of Baltimore; 7. James, who died at the age of five years; 8. James (2nd), who was operator and agent for the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, and is now deceased; 9. George, who was for many years machinist for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Renovo, and now resides in Potter county; 10. Rebecca, who was the wife of James Craig and is now deceased; 11. David, who died aged five years. Mr. Kelley, the father of this large family, died in the prime of life, being but fifty years of age. His death occurred in 1865, in Frenchtown, where he had spent the greater part of his life since his arrival in this country. His widow passed away in 1876, at the age of sixty-five.

John D. Kelley, son of David and Ellen (Donacher) Kelley, was born August 15, 1848, in Binghamton, New York, and received his primary education in the common schools of Frenchtown. He afterward attended the Towanda Seminary and Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport. In 1860 he went to Baltimore, where he served an apprenticeship with John W. Maxwell at stonecutting, and with Rigber in the other branches of masonry. In 1865, his time having expired, he went to Renovo and accepted a position with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, under Engineer Robert Nelson, taking charge of all the masonry work at Renovo, and later for the company between Erie and Rockville. Until 1875 he held the position of master mason, and has since worked for the company by contract. He has erected fifty-five arches over different runs, and has constructed the masonry work on the Warren bridge over the Allegheny river, as well as that on the Montgomery bridge, and on two bridges over the Susquehanna river at Sunbury. In 1879 he contracted and built all the masonry and brick work level with the ground on the middle penitentiary in Huntingdon and on the Min-

ers' Home at Fountain Springs, Schuylkill county. He also put in the underground crossing at East Third street, Williamsport.

Mr. Kelley, like his father, takes great interest in target practice and is a fine shot. He was for many years a member of the Williamsport Gun Club, an organization which has since been disbanded. He has on his grounds a building fully equipped for target practice, and his collection of guns is exceptionally rare and costly, including some of the finest pieces obtainable. Mr. Kelley cherishes a commendable pride in the fact that he has been the architect of his own fortune, his spacious residence, furnished with every facility for comfort and enjoyment, being one of the evidences of his success. He gives to the Democratic party his influence and vote and is a member of the Roman Catholic church.

Mr. Kelley married, in 1866, Agnes, daughter of John Smith, who came to this country with her parents at the age of six years from Lancaster, England. Her mother was born in Dumfries, Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have no children, but have brought up and educated several, but without adopting any of them. One of these children was Nellie Cotter, now deceased, another being Nellie Farrell, now the wife of F. C. Cumings, of Williamsport, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley also gave a home and an education to Frank J. Ross, a Hungarian boy, sending him to the high school and afterward to the Commercial College at Williamsport. He is now settled at Jersey City. Miss Minnie Schenck, another protege, has for ten years been an inmate of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kelley, and is known as the greatest female target shot in the world, a fact which, notwithstanding Miss Schenck's shrinking from notoriety, the sporting papers have not failed to mention.



## NEWTON H. CULVER.

One of those men whose influence both in mercantile transactions and in the conduct of public affairs always makes for justice, honesty and progress, is Newton H. Culver, of Williamsport. Mr. Culver comes of old colonial seventeenth century stock, tracing his descent from David Culver, of Massachusetts. His son, Joseph Culver, was a soldier in the revolutionary army. Subsequently he was married to Rebecca Root, and early in the nineteenth century moved his family to Scipio, Cayuga county, New York, which was then a wilderness.

Simon Culver, son of Joseph and Rebecca (Root) Culver, lived in Scipio, New York, where he cultivated a farm. He was a soldier in the war of 1812-15. Subsequently he filled for many years the position of a deputy keeper in the state prison in Auburn, New York. He married Susanna Calkins, daughter of a Welsh Baptist preacher, and they had a family of seven children, all of whom grew to maturity. 1. Augustus, married Elizabeth Minor, and had three children. 2 and 3. Permillia and Permelia (twins); the former married Samuel French and left descendants, and the latter became the wife of Sylvanus Dunham and had no children. 4. Mary Etta, married John Stiles, and had one daughter, Nellie, who is the childless widow of the Rev. Dr. Fawsett, of Kankakee, Illinois. 5. Eber, mentioned at length hereinafter. 6. Saloma, who became the wife of J. H. Bristol, and has two children: Homer and John. 7. Leander, deceased.

Eber Culver, fifth child of Simon and Susanna (Calkins) Culver, was educated in the public schools and academy at Auburn, New York. At the age of sixteen he went to Dayton, Ohio, where for three years he applied himself to learning the carpenter's trade with his brother-in-law, Sylvanus Dunham. He then returned to Auburn and engaged in



business as a carpenter and builder. In 1847 he formed a partnership with Thomas Nelson, under the firm name of Nelson & Culver. In 1848 this partnership was dissolved, and Mr. Culver went to California, taking the overland route. The journey was made in wagons, with ox-teams, part of the time on horseback, or on foot. They finally arrived in Sacramento, where Mr. Culver had an illness of six months' duration, after which he went to work in the mines. He decided after a time that his trade was more lucrative than mining, and thereupon returned to Sacramento City, where he remained until 1851, when he returned to his home in Auburn, remaining for a short time, and then went to Elmira, working as a builder in both places. His success was much facilitated by a knowledge of architecture which he had acquired in early life and which enabled him to plan as well as to construct buildings. In 1854 he went to Williamsport, where his first work was to build a saw-mill for Webb, Canfield & Company. Afterwards he engaged in contract work until 1863, and then formed a partnership with George P. Barber under the name of Culver, Barber & Company. For about twelve years the firm did a flourishing business in the manufacturing of planing mill supplies, one of their patrons being Peter Herdic, who was then conducting his extensive building operations in Williamsport. During this time and since then Mr. Culver has planned and constructed many handsome and important public and private buildings, including the Park Hotel, the Weightman Block, City Hall, Lycoming Opera House, several churches and many fine residences. In 1900 he retired from active business, and since then has enjoyed to the full the consciousness of a life well spent. Mr. Culver has taken an energetic interest in public affairs and has received from his fellow-citizens proofs of their appreciation. He was chosen a member of the borough council, afterward was a member of the city council, and also served two terms on

the school board. He is a member of the Baptist church, and is one of the oldest and most respected residents of Williamsport.

In 1847 Mr. Culver was married to Gertrude Anna Hermance, of Saratoga, New York. They are the parents of the following children, viz.: Ella S.; Newton H., mentioned at length hereinafter; M. Etta, wife of Frank H. McCormick; Frank S., now a resident of Port Clinton, Ohio, who married Carrie Gibson; and Fred E., deceased. The grandchildren of Eber Culver are: Fred Culver and Eleanor McCormick; Maud L., Ella, Elsie and Frederick Culver, children of Newton H. Culver; and Anna, Maud, Frank and Rachel Culver, children of Frank S. Culver.

Newton H. Culver, son of Eber and Gertrude Anna (Hermance) Culver, received a common school education, and after leaving school assisted his father in the planing-mill. In 1875 his father gave him an interest in the business, and in 1879, when the building operations of Peter Herdic came to a sudden close, he went to Denver, Colorado, but, finding the outlook there unpromising, after a short time returned home. After spending about one year on an engineer corps on coal land survey, he went to Philadelphia, where he remained six years, engaging in patent work and architecture. After a short sojourn in Detroit, Michigan, he went to Chicago, Illinois, but encountering bad times, he returned home and established himself in the building business. In 1896, in company with others, he organized the Diamond Wall Cement Company, of which he is general manager, his father holding the office of treasurer and F. H. McCormick that of president. The company produce about two thousand tons of cement a month, which is shipped all over the country from Garbutt, New York. They also are interested in the Lycoming Calcining Company, Mr. Culver being president and manager, which produces over two hundred tons per day. Mr. Culver

is a public-spirited and popular citizen, possessing the fullest confidence of his townsmen. He has served as a member of the city council, and is now in his second term as chairman of the Lycoming County Republican committee. He once accepted the nomination of his party for state senator, and, although not elected, ran ahead of his ticket.

Mr. Culver married Florence Bubb, and they have four children: Maud L., unmarried; Ella, wife of Frank Fiske; Elsie, wife of Thomas Lightfoot, and Fred N., unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Culver have no grandchildren.

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#### CHARLES H. FRITZ.

One of those self-made men of whom any community has reason to be proud is Charles H. Fritz, of Vilas. Mr. Fritz is a grandson of Joseph Fritz, a native of Pennsylvania, whose children were Henry, John, Sarah and William.

William Fritz was born at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, and was a farmer of considerable means and influence, holding some important township offices, among them those of tax collector and auditor. He married Mary, daughter of Frederick Starick, a native of Germany, who settled in Sugar Valley, Pennsylvania, where he became a farmer and tar-burner, being well and widely known as a manufacturer and burner of his own tar. His wife was Elizabeth ———, a native of one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania, and their children were: Mary, who became the wife of William Fritz, as mentioned above; William, Rebecca, Charles, and McClellen.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fritz were the parents of the following children: Charles H., mentioned at length hereinafter; Torrence E., deceased; Mary E., Maud E. and Henry J. Mrs. Fritz, the mother of

these children, died in 1888, at the early age of thirty-four, and Mr. Fritz is still living, being now sixty-two years old.

Charles H. Fritz, son of William and Mary (Starick) Fritz, was born in 1867, in Caldwell, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, and was educated at his birthplace. He learned the carpenter's trade, completing his apprenticeship in 1891, and then worked as a journeyman until 1902. In that year he began to take contracts, and now has a reputation as a contractor and builder founded alike on fine workmanship and fair dealing. He keeps a general supply of hardware and building materials, and employs about ten men the year round. He has built for himself three houses in the Third ward. He is past noble grand in the I. O. O. F. He and his wife are members of the Evangelical church, in which he holds the offices of Sunday school superintendent, steward and trustee.

Mr. Fritz married, in 1893, Martha Brock, and eight children have been born to them, five of whom are living: Leon R.; Clare E.; Charles G.; Evelyn M.; and Ivan W. Mrs. Fritz is a daughter of Conrad and Rosanna Brock, natives of Switzerland, who emigrated to the United States in 1860. Mr. Brock was a farmer and followed other avocations as well. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Rosanna; Bertha; Conrad; Mary; Martha, who was born July 27, 1877, in Clinton county, and became the wife of Charles H. Fritz, as mentioned above.

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#### MICHAEL CAMPBELL.

Michael Campbell, a worthy farmer of McHenry township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, was born at Cammal, Pennsylvania, February 20, 1825, a son of Michael and Mary (Hostrander) Campbell. He is the grandson of Robert Campbell, who was a worthy and patriotic

man, and preacher of the gospel. He was a musician in the war of the Revolution, serving under Washington. After the cessation of hostilities he located at Round Island, where he remained for several years. He subsequently removed to Cammal, where he spent the remainder of his days. During his residence in this place Mr. Campbell decided to join the church, not under pressure of eloquent preaching, but by giving close attention himself to the Word. Desiring to be baptized he immediately sought a Baptist clergyman to perform the ceremony. From the day of his baptism he commenced to preach the gospel far and near, and was the means of doing inestimable good in that, the then new country. His wife was Rachel English, and they were the parents of children, as follows: Samuel, a minister in the Baptist church; George, Michael, to be further referred to; Young, Abner, Robert, John, Jeremiah, Priscilla, Margaret, and Elizabeth.

Michael Campbell, second son and child of Robert and Rachel (English) Campbell, was born in Cammal, October 26, 1794, and was one of the well-to-do, prosperous farmers of that section. He was the owner of considerable land, and was a useful and worthy citizen. He was twice married: First to Mary Hostrander, who bore him children, as follows: Priscilla, Sarah, Hiram, Richard, Michael, to be further mentioned hereinafter; Margaret, Fannie, Mary, Harriet, Cornelia, and two who died in infancy. Of these children all are deceased except Michael and Harriet. Michael Campbell, Sr. married for his second wife Mrs. Hannah Beaviour, and they became the parents of the following named children: Enoch, William, Lafayette and Truman. Michael, the father of these children, died September 13, 1881, and his wife passed away in December, 1903.

Michael Campbell, fifth child and third son of Michael and Mary (Hostrander) Campbell, was reared and educated in Cammal, and there



he remained for twenty-two years. His life has been spent in lumbering and agricultural pursuits, and he has achieved the most excellent success in this occupation. In 1883 he bought his present farm, comprising sixty acres of bottom land, on which he has since resided. In political proclivities he is a Democrat, and has held the offices of treasurer of the school board, school director and supervisor of the township. He is a Baptist in church connections, and is a deacon of his church.

Mr. Campbell married, March 16, 1848, Miss Elsie Tomb, who has borne him children as follows: Mary E., born January 8, 1850, married George W. Rolland, who was a soldier in the Civil war, a member of Company H, Forty-ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; they have five children, namely: Harry D., Forrest, Raymond, Maud and Ruth. Benjamin J., born January 6, 1852. Silas P., born May 4, 1854. Kitty, born December 5, 1856, married a Mr. English, and they have one son, Raymond English. Milford M., born February 27, 1867. Harry, born April 15, 1869, died July 16, 1897. Mrs. Campbell, the mother of these children, born October 1, 1833, died February 22, 1905, and her death was sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends.



#### GEORGE TOBIAS PIPER.

George Tobias Piper was a member of the firm of E. L. Piper & Sons, general lumber manufacturers in Lycoming county, and was a prominent citizen of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Edmond L. Piper, father of George Tobias Piper, was a well known citizen of Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. He entered the lumber business, and his clear and shrewd insight into business conditions kept his firm prominently and favorably before the public, and made of it a successful concern. He was equally successful in con-



ducting a private bank, his well known honesty and integrity giving him the confidence of all. Edmond L. Piper was the senior member of the firm of E. L. Piper & Sons. He married Harriet Watson, who bore him four children: 1, George Tobias; 2, Elizabeth L.; 3, Helen H., widow of F. W. Benedict of New Haven, Connecticut; 4, Robert, deceased.

George Tobias Piper, oldest son and oldest child of Edmond L. and Harriet (Watson) Piper, was born at Watsonstown, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, in 1843, and died there in May, 1883, at the age of forty years. He was educated in the public schools of Williamsport, and upon leaving them he attended college in Poughkeepsie, New York. He was a very bright and conscientious student. After finishing his educational career he entered the business of his father, and soon became identified with the firm, as his business ability and foresight entitled him. On August 8, 1862, Mr. Piper enlisted in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-first Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served with great bravery under Captain David Bly. The company was mustered out May 23, 1863. Mr. Piper was a firm Republican and, at the time of his death, was a member of the city council. He married, May 23, 1878, Miss Hellen Adelaide Higgins, who bore him one son, Edmond Brown Piper. Mrs. George Tobias Piper is a sister of Mrs. James V. Brown and Mrs. Allen P. Perley.

Edmond Brown Piper, only son and child of the late George Tobias and Hellen Adelaide (Higgins) Piper, was born in Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1881. He was educated at the public schools of Williamsport, from there went to Cheltenham Military Academy, and then attended Princeton University, in New Jersey, from which he was graduated very creditably. In the fall of 1902 he accepted a position as inspector with the Williamsport Water Company, and

later was elected superintendent in the same company, a position which he still holds. He is also part owner of the Williamsport Poultry Company, and is secretary and treasurer of the James V. Brown Library, and also director of the Young Men's Christian Association of Williamsport. He is also a director of the Williamsport Water Company, and one of the executors of the late James V. Brown estate. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, Lodge No. 106; Lycoming Chapter No. 222, R. A. M.; Adoniram Council, R. S. M.; Baldwin II Commandery, K. T.; Williamsport Consistory, having attained the thirty-second degree; Irem Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Wilkesbarre; is a member of the Ross Club, Temple Club, Williamsport Country Club, the Haleka County Club, and Williamsport Wheel Club. He is a Republican in politics, and a vestryman of Christ Episcopal church.

Mr. Piper was married on November 22, 1905, to Miss Elizabeth Updegraff Gibson, daughter of James J. and Lucy (Updegraff) Gibson, of Williamsport. Mrs. Gibson is no longer living.

Mr. Piper is a young man for whom may be predicted a brilliant business career. He is enterprising, ambitious, and has good executive ability. He is always ready to assist in any project for promoting the interests of his town, is a ready and fluent speaker, and very popular in the social as well as the business world.



#### GEORGE B. HORN.

George B. Horn, successful in both mercantile and agricultural pursuits, and possessing one of the best equipped farms in Lycoming county, is a well-known figure on the Williamsport provision market, which has been the centre of his business activities for many years.

The first of his paternal ancestors to settle in Pennsylvania was his

grandfather, George Horn, a native of Delaware, who located in Lycoming county very early in the last century, and purchased one hundred and five acres of wild land in Anthony township, which he cleared and improved into a productive farm. He resided there for the remainder of his life, which terminated when he was about seventy years old, and his wife, who was before marriage Betsey Smith, died at about the same age. They were buried in the State Road cemetery, Lycoming township. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. George and Betsey (Smith) Horn were the parents of seven children, namely: Joseph, Nancy, Rachel, George, William, John and Elizabeth. Joseph is no longer living. Nancy, who is also deceased, was the wife of Enoch Paulhamas. Rachel married Andrew Grove. Elizabeth is the wife of John Bower.

John Horn, George B. Horn's father, was born in Anthony township, January 16, 1826. The active period of his life was spent upon the homestead farm, which came into his possession, and he has made numerous improvements upon both the land and buildings. Energetic and industrious he has realized continuous prosperity as a reward for his labors, and although almost an octogenarian he is still quite active for one of his years. John Horn married Christina Bower. She was born in Germany, in 1828, daughter of Mathew Bower, who followed the carpenter's trade prior to his immigration. During her infancy she was brought to America by her parents, who settled upon a farm in the vicinity of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where they resided for the remainder of their lives, and both lived to be over seventy years old. The farm which they owned and occupied for so many years is now the property of their grandson, George B. Horn. John and Christina (Bower) Horn were the parents of ten children, namely: Ambrose,

George B., Edward, Jennie, Elizabeth, deceased; Henry, Lorenzo, Ella, Alice and Annie.

Ambrose Horn was born March 28, 1851. He was married August 24, 1876, to Margaret Ann Bower, who was born May 17, 1851, daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Weaver) Bower, prosperous farming people, formerly of Buck Horn, Jackson township, and later of Rose Valley, where her father died. Ambrose and Margaret Horn have one son, Ellis Wilson Horn, who was born January 18, 1877.

Edward Horn, who is a merchant in Jerseymills, this county, married Rachel Savage and has one daughter, Mabel.

Jennie Horn married John Wensell, and is now residing in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth Horn became the wife of David Myers, also deceased. Four of their children are living, namely: Carrie, Ida, Emma, and Gertrude. Carrie married John Hinckleman, of New Berry, this county; and Ida is the wife of Otto Shultz, of Williamsport.

Henry Horn, who is residing on a farm in Lycoming township, married Emma Laylon, and has four children, namely: Lottie, Loyd, Alvesta and Truman.

Lorenzo Horn, who was born November 20, 1871, and resides at the homestead, married Bertha Alice Reeder. They have one son, Earl Horn, who was born May 25, 1895.

Ella Horn is now the wife of Howard Croman, of Philadelphia. Their children are: Harvey, Lester, Clyde and Melvin Croman.

Alice Horn married Thomas Lester, and now resides in Towanda, New York.

Annie Horn, who is the widow of Charles Crawford, now resides in Williamsport. She has had four children, namely: Warren, Raymond, Willie, and Lulu, none of whom are living.

George B. Horn, the principal subject of this sketch, was born in Anthony township, Lycoming county, October 23, 1853. He attended school at Stony Gap, and assisted his father in carrying on the homestead farm until his marriage, when he located in Quiggleville. For nearly thirty years he has been engaged extensively in the butchering business, and is one of the best known marketmen in Williamsport, where he has long maintained the reputation of handling exclusively meats of a superior quality. In 1891 he purchased a farm of eighty acres (the old Bower homestead), formerly owned by his maternal grandparents, which he has brought to a high state of fertility, and the improvements he has introduced in the way of buildings, appliances, etc., make it one of the best equipped pieces of agricultural property in Lycoming county.

On June 21, 1877, Mr. Horn was united in marriage with Miss Margaretta Jane Myers, who was born in Lycoming township, May 27, 1858, daughter of Reuben and Elizabeth (Young) Myers. Reuben Myers was born in Cattawissa, Columbia county, in 1814. He resided in Lycoming county, Lycoming township, where he followed the blacksmith's trade in connection with local public affairs in his day, serving as supervisor and tax-collector. He was a leading member of the Lutheran church and donated the land upon which to erect the church edifice. Reuben Myers died September 29, 1894. Elizabeth (Young) Myers, his wife, whom he married September 7, 1837, was born in Konig Reich, Germany, June 14, 1818, and, at the age of fourteen years, came to America with her parents, who settled on Bobst Mountain in Lewis township. Reuben and Elizabeth Myers had a family of fourteen children, namely: John, born January 20, 1838, died in 1864; Valentine, born May 11, 1840, died in 1901; Matilda, born July 4, 1842, died June 8, 1848; Henry, born May 19, 1844; Joseph, born

July 1, 1846; Adam and Samuel (twins), born October 3, 1848; Mary Ann, born July 18, 1850; Elizabeth, born June 8, 1852; Angeline, deceased, born May 3, 1854; Catherine Emile, born July 3, 1856; Margaretta Jane, the date of whose birth has already been recorded; Phoebe Ellen, deceased, born November 1, 1861; and Sara Frances, born January 7, 1864. Adam Myers is now residing at Bryon Mills, and his twin brother, Samuel, is no longer living. Mary Ann married Augustus Lord, and resides in New Berry. Elizabeth married Henry Barnhart, of New Berry, and neither are now living. Catherine Emile married Jacob Drumm, of Hepburnville. Margaretta Jane is now Mrs. Horn. Sarah Frances is the wife of Charles Moyer, and resides in Williamsport. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Horn are: Clarence Theron, born November 7, 1878; Walter Clemons, born September 4, 1880; Lillian Alvira, born June 22, 1883; Wilbert Anderson, born May 11, 1886; Florence Elizabeth, born August 20, 1888; and Sherman Elwood, born April 30, 1892, died August 28, 1893.

Clarence Theron Horn entered the employ of the Sweet Steel Company at Williamsport in 1904 as a helper, and in the short space of three months was promoted to the charge of one of their principal furnaces. In 1900 he married Miss Ida Shoulder, and they have one daughter, Margaret Leah. Mrs. Horn is a daughter of Christian and Leah Shoulder, and her mother is no longer living.

Walter Clemons Horn, who attended the Muncy Normal School and the Williamsport Commercial College, is now occupying the position of bookkeeper and clerk with Messrs. Hinkleman and Quiggle, of the last named city. He married Miss Laura Wealthy, and has one son, Harry, who was born February 1, 1905.

Lillian Alvira Horn completed her education at the Williamsport Commercial College, and is a stenographer.



Wilbur Anderson Horn, who is a graduate of the Muncy Normal School, was for some time an instructor of public schools, but at present is finishing his course of electrical engineer at State College.

Florence Elizabeth Horn, instructor of music, is taking educational work.

The numerous cares arising from his farm and market business have prevented Mr. Horn from participating actively in public affairs. He nevertheless takes a profound interest in all matters relative to the general welfare of the community, including local history, and any well organized movement instituted for the collection and preservation of family records will most assuredly receive his earnest sympathy and support. He has raised and reared his family, and all are now members of the United Evangelical church at Quigleville. Mr. and Mrs. Horn have for many years been active in church work, always trying to the best of their knowledge to live up to the laws of Christ, and the doors of their home are always open to welcome the people of God.†

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#### THE RENTZ FAMILY.

The family of which Charles A. Rentz and Peter Edmund Rentz, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, are representatives, is of German origin, and is clearly so indicated by the name. The remote ancestor came from Coblentz, Germany, at a date unknown.

Of this parentage Philip Rentz was born in 1765 in this country, and followed the occupation of farmer in Columbia county, Pennsylvania. There he married Elizabeth Knorr, who was born in 1772. She was the daughter of Samuel Knorr, who was born in 1751 and died 1820. Philip and Elizabeth Rentz were the parents of the following children: John, Jacob, Henry Philip, mentioned at length hereinafter,

Peter, Abraham, Daniel, Hannah, Elizabeth, Susan, Mary, Catharine, and Sarah. Philip Rentz and his family left Columbia county, where he was born, a few years after the year 1800 was ushered in, and became an extensive land owner in Clinton township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, known then and to many people now as Black Hole Valley. To the same locality, and buying adjoining farms, came about 1808, Frederic Deitrich and Jacob Hess, who had married sisters of Elizabeth (Knorr) Rentz, and also John Heilman (husband of Hannah Rentz), who purchased and cleared land on the east of grandfather Rentz's farm. Here Philip Rentz lived until his death in 1827, and his wife died sixteen years later, in 1843. In his last will and testament, of record in Lycoming county, Philip Rentz very carefully provided for the remaining days of his widow and for the division of his landed interests in Clinton township, taking care that it should be subdivided by lot or by arbitrators chosen from among the neighbors, and without the expense of court proceedings. This was subsequently done, and not long after the death of his wife the land formerly owned by him, by purchase from the other heirs, became vested in his two sons, Peter Rentz and Henry Philip Rentz, whose farms and homesteads have ever since been known in Lycoming county as the "Rentz Farms."

Henry Philip Rentz was born in Mahoning township, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, in 1804. He came with his parents to Clinton township, Lycoming county, and early in life and for a number of years owned and operated a tannery in Clinton township. He also carried on the business of shoemaker and saddler until at or about the year 1840; then, having acquired a considerable portion of the ancestral acres, he took up the business of farming, which he carried on during the remainder of his life. He took a great interest in the temperance cause, and at the time of the civil war was an ardent Abolitionist. He

was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Lutheran church, taking a lively interest in church affairs.

Henry Philip Rentz married Anna S. Bear in 1832. She was born in 1799 in Black Hole Valley, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and was the daughter of Isaac and Christiana Bear, who came from Lancaster county, and were of German descent. Isaac Bear was born in 1753 and his wife in 1763. Mr. Bear died in 1805, and his widow lived until 1840.

Henry Philip and Anna (Bear) Rentz were the parents of two sons, Charles A. and Peter Edmund. Mrs. Anna (Bear) Rentz died in 1867. Henry Philip Rentz lived to the good old age of eighty-three years, living until 1887. Both he and his wife are buried in the cemetery of St. John's (Lutheran) church, between Montgomery and Muncy, where a suitable stone is erected to their memory.

The two brothers, Charles A. and Peter Edmund Rentz, have had, in some respects, a remarkable history. Both remained under the parental roof from the time of their birth, ministering to their parents. When they married they chose wives from the same family, and lived together at the home of Henry Philip Rentz as one family, having domestic and financial interests in common. Peter Edmund Rentz was born August 10, 1835, in Clinton township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he obtained his education in the common schools. He spent his life in the pursuit of farming on the homestead until 1902, when he sold his interest to his brother, Charles A. Rentz, and moved to the city of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He was four years old when his parents moved to the farm, and at the time of leaving it had lived there sixty-three years. In March, 1903, he moved to his present home on Glenwood avenue, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Politically he is a Republican, with decidedly liberal tendencies. He is a member

of St. Paul's (Lutheran) church, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, having formerly been a member of St. John's (Lutheran) church, of Clinton township. While living in Clinton township he served as deacon and trustee of his church at various times, and was one of the building committee to rebuild that church after it had been destroyed by fire within recent years.

Peter Edmund Rentz married Harriet Appleman on December 29, 1868, and they were the parents of one child, Edith Mary, born January 29, 1870. Mrs. Harriet (Appleman) Rentz died in April, 1893. Edith Mary Rentz attended the common schools of Clinton township, and also the Muncy Normal School, graduating therefrom. She is now married to William P. Hess, son of Samuel and Eleanor (Hart) Hess, the latter a sister of the Hon. William W. Hart, president judge of Lycoming county. Mrs. and Mr. Hess have had one child, who died in infancy.

Charles A. Rentz married Sarah Anna Appleman, April 8, 1858, and they are the parents of the following children: 1, Anna M., born February 16, 1859, died at the age of six months. 2, Jennie V., born June 10, 1860, wife of Walter C. Gilmore, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. 3, Sadie, born August 12, 1862, wife of Herbert C. Thomas, of Montgomery, Pennsylvania. 4, Hattie, born January 11, 1864, died March 4, 1900. 5, Harry, born December 6, 1866, died January 14, 1867.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore have had three children, Charles Edmund, Anna, and Helen, now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have had four children, Charles, Edith, Francis, and one who died in infancy.

Charles A. Rentz was born May 25, 1833. He received his primary education in the common schools, and in 1850-51 attended Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. He varied the occupation of farmer with that of a school teacher in the early day, having

taught seven terms of public school, as the schools were then constituted. This teaching was in Muncy Creek, Washington and Clinton townships. In that early day the school houses were warmed by fire-wood cut by the teacher or pupils. The pens were made mostly from quills. The school term was three months of twenty-six days to a month, which length of term was increased to four months before he quit teaching entirely. The salary was from \$20 to \$25 per month, and discipline was enforced by the liberal use of the rod. This was in the good old time of the common schools. Mr. Rentz became a member of the St. John's (Lutheran) church of Clinton township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, when about sixteen years of age, under the pastorate of the Rev. Geo. Parson, D. D. He is now a member of St. Paul's (Lutheran) church of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

After his experience in teaching he devoted himself exclusively to the business of farming, in connection with his brother, Peter Edmund Rentz, and continued in the farming business until the year 1903, when he sold the homestead and removed to Williamsport, where he now lives, at No. 816 Baldwin street, on the south side of Brandon Park. He has always kept up his interest in the public schools, having held the office of school director in Clinton township, and since coming to Williamsport has spent much of his time in visiting the public schools and other educational institutions. He is always ready and glad to make any suggestions to the school or the teachers, when called upon so to do. He is especially rich in reminiscences of the olden times, and is quite able to make the modern common school pupil understand the great advantages they have over the good old days of fifty years ago. He has always been interested in the German language, and although not thoroughly conversant with it as a spoken language, has mastered it sufficiently to be able to read and intelligently comprehend all the master-



pieces of German language. Beside this, Mr. Rentz has been an ardent student of phonography, and for a number of years has kept a daily record of the things that happen, in shorthand. The natural sciences appeal to him very strongly, and when it is considered that much of these studies had to be carried on in the evening, after his day's work as a farmer was done, this line of accomplishments is somewhat remarkable. Mr. Rentz has always been a Republican in politics, but he is not a strict party man, and believes thoroughly in choosing the best man for the office to be filled, and always acts up to that belief.

The wives of Charles A. and Peter Edmund Rentz came of quite a remarkable family. They were the daughters of Caleb and Mary (Rishel) Appleman, of Montour county, Pennsylvania. Caleb Appleman was the son of Baltis and Mary (Melick) Appleman, of Columbia county, Pennsylvania. This family of Applemans is one of the oldest in Montour county, and is very well known and very well connected in that part of the state. Caleb Appleman and his wife were the parents of the following children: Elmira Carr, now deceased; Sarah Anna, born July 16, 1835, wife of Charles A. Rentz, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Agnes, wife of James Vandevender, of Northumberland, Pennsylvania; Margaret, widow of Jesse Ammerman, late of Montour county, Pennsylvania; Mary, now deceased, who was married to J. C. Patterson, of Danville, Pennsylvania; Amos, who is still living; Harriet, born in 1844, now deceased, who was married to Peter Edmund Rentz, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Eli, of Montour county, Pennsylvania; Caroline, wife of George Gilmore, of Linden, Pennsylvania; Franklin Pierce, resident of Montour county, Pennsylvania.

Mary (Melick) Appleman, the wife of Baltis Appleman, mentioned above, had the distinction of being born on the 10th day of February, 1781, at Fort Augusta, Sunbury, Northumberland county, Pennsylva-



nia. This was during the terrible times of the Wyoming Massacre, and her parents had fled from the Indians for refuge during that exciting time. The mother of Mary Melick was Margaret Clingman, of English descent.

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#### ALBERT FREDERICK HARDT, M. D.

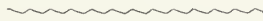
The father of Dr. Albert Frederick Hardt, of Williamsport, was Anton Hardt, who was born March 27, 1839, in Vienna, Austria, and when a young man emigrated to the United States. He settled in Williamsport, where he engaged in railroad and mining engineering, and was chief engineer in the building of the Fall Brook Railroad, now owned by the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad. For thirty-two years he was in the service of this company. In 1871 he moved to Wellsborough, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he is now superintendent of the Water Company and has other interests. He has been prospecting for several coal companies. He was at one time a director in the First National Bank at Wellsborough, and is now a director of the Pine Creek Railroad, owned by the Vanderbilts.

Mr. Hardt has been twice married. His first wife, to whom he was united while living in Williamsport, was Alvina, born December 5, 1842, daughter of Augustus Koch, Sr., and sister of August Koch, Jr., a brewer of South Williamsport, and their children were: 1. Alice, died in infancy. 2. Wilhelmina, wife of George D. Mitchell, of Washington, District of Columbia. 3. Edmund, who is assistant superintendent at the salt works in Watkins, New York. 4. William, resides in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and is civil engineer for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. 5. Anna, wife of Charles H. Seaton, of Glencarlin, Virginia. 6. Albert Frederick, mentioned at length hereinafter. The mother of these children died September 3, 1890, at the age of forty-seven, and

Mr. Hardt subsequently married Florence Thurber, who died January 14, 1903.

Albert Frederick Hardt, son of Anton and Alvina (Koch) Hardt, was born October 24, 1879, in Wellsborough, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, and received his preparatory education in the common and high schools of his native place. In 1898 he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating therefrom in 1902 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In the spring of 1905 he took a post-graduate course at the New York Polyclinic. In 1902 he settled in Williamsport, where for one year he was resident physician at the Williamsport Hospital, and in 1903 opened an office at No. 35 West Fourth street. He is a specialist in electro-therapeutics and X-ray therapy. He holds the position of medical referee for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, having been fitted for the work by a course of special instruction at the home office. His district comprises thirteen counties, and he is also examiner for the Manhattan Life Insurance Company of New York.

Dr. Hardt is a member of the Lycoming County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Protestant Episcopal church.



#### THE HILL FAMILY.

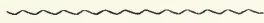
Jacob R. Hill was born in Hughesville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1832, son of Martin and Mary (Dougherty) Hill, also natives of Lycoming county. Martin Hill was a shoemaker and farmer, and he was a son of Frederick Hill, who was a Revolutionary soldier, and also served in the war of 1812. He was prominent in the early military affairs of Lycoming county.

Jacob R. Hill was reared in Hughesville and learned the cabinet-maker's trade, which he has since followed. In 1864 he enlisted in Company F, Fifty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment, serving until the end of the rebellion. He was twice married, first to Janella Kahler, who bore him four children: Spencer W., of Williamsport; Llewellyn K., of Egg Harbor City, New Jersey; Norman P.; and Hester C., wife of Joseph W. Shea, of Picture Rocks, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hill died in 1868 and subsequently he married Almira Renn, who became the mother of four children: Arthur E., Edwin E., Jacob Willer, and Hattie. Politically Mr. Hill is a Republican, and has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since early boyhood. He still resides at Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Spencer Hill, a real estate dealer of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, was born in Hughesville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1856, the son of Jacob R. and Mary (Dougherty) Hill. He was educated in the public schools and at the Muncy Normal School, afterward spending some time in Dickinson Seminary and the State Normal School at Millersville. He then began teaching school, following that vocation for thirteen years. He was principal of the Hughesville schools for five years and taught in the Muncy Normal for two years. Subsequently he took a course in the Williamsport Commercial College, after which he located in the last named place and was manager of the implement business of J. H. Mutchler. Later he was corresponding clerk in the office of H. B. Silsby, state agent for the Manufacturers' Accident Indemnity Company, of Geneva, New York, and in 1886 embarked in real estate and insurance business. In January, 1891, he associated himself with T. B. Byers, under the firm name of Hill & Byers, as the leading insurance firm of the city. Mr. Hill is an ardent Republican. For many

years he was a member of the school board from the first ward of Williamsport, being its secretary in 1889.

He was married in 1879, to Bella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Mecum, of Hughesville. By this union the following named children were born: Victoria M., Jennie Belle, Raymond S. and Harry D. Mr. Hill is a member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities, also of the Sons of Veterans.



#### WALDO W. HULL, M. D.

Among those successfully engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in the city of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is Dr. Waldo W. Hull. His parents are Dr. William R. and J. M. (Willard) Hull, and his grandparents on the paternal side were David and Emily J. (Rittenhouse) Hull, natives of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Dr. William R. Hull (father) was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1838. When an infant of eight weeks old his parents removed to New Jersey, remaining there for eight years, and then returning to Northumberland county. His education was acquired in the common schools adjacent to his home, and at Tuscarora Academy, in Juniata county, Pennsylvania. He began the preparation for his chosen profession of medicine and surgery with Dr. Samuel Pollock, of Williamsport, and later entered the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, graduating from the medical department thereof in 1858. He commenced the practice of his profession at Hepburnville, Lycoming county, and continued there up to 1862, when he was appointed surgeon of the One Hundred and Seventy-first Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until his regiment was mustered out in October, 1863. Previous to this he was in the surgeon general's office in Harrisburg. Upon his

return to his home in Hepburnville, Dr. Hull resumed the practice of his profession, but two years later took up his residence in Newberry, where he established an office and practiced medicine until 1868, when he located in Williamsport, where he has since continued in active practice. He has kept in close touch with the advanced thought along the line of his profession by membership in the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, also the Lycoming County Medical Society, of which he was one of the organizers, and in which he has served in the capacity of president, secretary, treasurer, and a member of the board of censors. He was largely instrumental in the establishment of the Williamsport Hospital, was one of the charter members, and was appointed a member of the board of directors, therein rendering faithful and efficient service. He is an adherent of the principles of Republicanism, but takes no active part in political matters.

Dr. William R. Hull was married in 1860, to Miss J. M. Willard, a native of Tioga county, Pennsylvania. Their children are: David Frampton, manager of the Mahaffey Kindling Wood Factory; Waldo W., a practicing physician; and Clara J. Dr. Hull and his family are attendants of Trinity Protestant Episcopal church.

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#### CHARLES W. HEINEY.

Charles W. Heiney, a prominent lawyer of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, was born March 24, 1881, at Montgomery, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania. He came to Montoursville in 1883 and was a graduate of the high school of that place in the class of 1897. He then attended the Normal School at Muncy, Pennsylvania, for two years, preparing for a teacher. He taught at Fairfield Center and decided to study law with Otto G. Culp at Williamsport. Subsequently he entered the law department of the Indiana University, graduating from that excellent institution in 1891, and the following year was admitted to the bar at Will-

iamsport. He has since then been actively engaged in the practice of his chosen profession.

Being an up-to-date man and possessing a social nature, he is found a member of the Odd Fellows order and also of the Junior Order United American Mechanics. In his religious belief he is associated with the Lutheran church. Politically he is a supporter of the Republican party.

June 24, 1904, he married Mabel Fullmer, daughter of Peter and Sarah Fullmer, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

It may be stated that Mr. Heiney's mother is an own cousin of Governor Frederick Hartranft, and on his father's side he is a descendant of Heiney, the poet of Germany.

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#### CHARLES H. BATES.

Myron S. (7), Linus (6), Charles (5), John (4), John (3), John (2), James (1).

Charles H. Bates, president of the United States Machine Company, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is, according to the most authentic records obtainable, a descendant in the eighth generation of James Bates (1), who arrived from England at Boston in the ship "Elizabeth," William Stagg, master, in 1635, and settled in Dorchester, Massachusetts.

The Bateses were numerous in England prior to the beginning of emigration to America, and the results of researches relative to the ancestry of the above-mentioned James are as follows: Thomas Bates, of Lydd, parish of All Hallows, County of Kent, died in 1485, had a son John, who died at Lydd, in 1522, leaving a son, Andrew Bates, whose death also occurred at Lydd, in 1533. Andrew had a son John, who died in 1589. The latter's son, James Bates, whose death appears in the Lydd records as having occurred in 1614, had children, at least two of whom, James and Clement, emigrated to New England in 1635. Ed-



ward Bates, who was formerly believed by genealogists to have been a brother of James and Clement, came with them, some claim, while others assert that Clement was among the passengers in the ship "Planter," which arrived in Boston at about the same time as the "Elizabeth." That Edward Bates, who settled in Weymouth, Massachusetts, was a brother of James and Clement is now generally discredited by genealogists. Clement Bates settled in Hingham, Massachusetts, and to both he and Edward may be traced the origin of a numerous progeny.

With James (1) Bates, who died at the age of fifty-three years, came his wife Alice, aged fifty-two, and four of his children: Lydia, aged twenty; Maria, aged seventeen; Margaret, aged twelve; and James, aged nine years. But all of his children did not come with him in the "Elizabeth," as in his will he names a "son Richard of Lid town in Kent, England." Savage, who is considered one of the best authorities in all matters relative to early New England families, says that James (2) Bates, son of James (1), of Dorchester, made one or two visits to England, and that he was afterward of Haddam, Connecticut.

Field's "History of Haddam" says that John Bates came to Haddam some eight or nine years after its settlement. According to Savage, this John Bates was perhaps a brother of James, of the same place, and was of Stamford in 1669. The children of Clement and Edward Bates have all been accounted for, and, none of them having settled in Connecticut, Savage reasons that James and John, of Haddam, were the sons of James (1) Bates, the Dorchester settler.

John (2) Bates had sons: John, baptized in 1678; and Solomon, baptized in 1680, at Stamford.

John (3) Bates, who held the rank of lieutenant in the militia, was married, according to the records of Stamford, to Sarah Sellick, Sep-

tember 1, 1718, in Bedford, Connecticut. Sarah died February 21, 1720, or 1721, and he married for his second wife Mrs. Hannah Mead.

John (4) Bates, son of Lieutenant John (3) and Sarah (Sellick) Bates, was born in Stamford, June 24, 1719. Huntington's "Families of Stamford" states that John (4) Bates married Martha ———; the omission of the family name of his wife and the date of the marriage may be attributed to the careless manner in which the early vital records of Connecticut were kept. A careful examination of the records, however, leads to the belief that Martha's maiden name was Seeley. Their children were: Sellick, born January 12, 1745; Nathan, born November 7, 1747; and Sarah, born May 20, 1750 (old style); Charles, born August 13, 1752; John, born September 6, 1755; Azariah, born January 21, 1758; Elisha, born July 10, 1760; and Seely, born February 6, 1763 (new style).

Charles (5) Bates was born in that part of Stamford which is now Darien. Rachel, his wife, whose maiden name is also lacking in the records, was born March 22, 1753. They resided in Sharon, Connecticut, and their children were: Benjamin, born August 10, 1772; Rachel, born May 8, 1775; Eunice, born August 2, 1778; Martha, born July 25, 1780; Charles and John (twins), born October 6, 1782; and Linus (6), born August 20, 1792; all of whom were born in Sharon. Benjamin settled in Otsego county, New York. Charles located in or near New Haven, Connecticut.

The records of Sharon states that Linus (6) Bates, of Sharon, was married January 3, 1815, to Wealtha Pettit, of Salisbury, who was born July 5, 1799, and a family record at hand says they were married by the Rev. David L. Perry. Considering the inaccuracy of these records, the date in the copy of the family record sent to the writer (January 15, 1815) is accepted by the living relative as the correct date. Wealtha

Pettit, the maiden name of whose mother was Finney, was a first cousin of Rev. Charles G. Finney (1792-1875), a Congregationalist minister and an evangelist of remarkable power, president of Oberlin College from 1852 to 1866, and author of numerous works on "Systematic Theology" and "Personal Religion." In September, 1833, Linus Bates, who was a farmer, moved from Sharon to Benton, Yates county, New York, and resided there for the remainder of his life, which terminated November 29, 1878, and his wife survived him but three days, her death having occurred December 2 of the same year.

The Sharon records contain no account of their children, but, according to the same family record just cited, they were the parents of nine children, namely: Rachel Lovina, born July 5, 1816; Harriet A., born September 24, 1818; Wealtha Eliza, born July 26, 1820; Linus Henry, born September 24, 1822; Lydia Anna, born November 9, 1824; Myron Seely, born February 3, 1827; Solomon Pettitt, born December 23, 1829; Sarah A., born February 13, 1833; and Martha S., born September 24, 1835, all of whom were born in Sharon except Martha S., whose birth took place in Benton. Rachel Lovina was married September 1, 1837, to E. B. Holmes, who died September 28, 1841, and she died February 10, 1843.

Wealtha Eliza married E. M. Whitaker, September 12, 1844; he died February 15, 1880, and she died July 9, 1886. Linus Henry, who married Anna B. Lay, February 25, 1846, died April 23, 1880, and her death occurred August 19, 1905. Solomon P. married Patience E. Gage, June 30, 1853, and died March 15, 1901. Sarah A. married Andrew Turner, November 24, 1852, and her death occurred November 10, 1868. Lydia Ann died March 11, 1844. Martha S. married Homer A. Conrad, October 11, 1855. Harriet A. married Robert N. McFarren, who died April 27, 1883, and her death occurred August 19, 1905.

Myron Seely (7) Bates assisted his father on the home farm in Benton until he was about twelve years old, when he went to Geneva, New York, and engaged in mercantile business as a salesman in a general store. In August, 1857, at the earnest solicitation of his future brother-in-law, Adam K. Mabie, he went to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and for a period of thirty years was identified with the grocery business in that city. In 1887 he retired from active business pursuits, and his death occurred in Williamsport, January 16, 1899. Although not an active participant in public affairs, he always evinced a deep interest in all of the important political issues of his day—local, state, and national—and with the majority of the old Whig faction he joined the Republican party at its formation. He was married in Williamsport, September 23, 1857, to Miss Isabella Mabie, who was born in Geneva, New York, January 12, 1830, daughter of Daniel and Isabella (Kedzie) Mabie. She was descended from early Dutch ancestry on the paternal side, the original ancestor in America having been a native of Holland, and a privateersman during the war between that country and Spain. His descendants became distributed through Westchester, Putnam and Delaware counties, New York. Daniel Mabie, who was born in Stamford, that state, in 1792, and died December 1, 1871, resided for a time in Delhi, from whence he removed to Geneva. Isabella (Kedzie) Mabie, his wife, who was born in Scotland, October 2, 1785, died November 2, 1881. Daniel and Isabella (Kedzie) Mabie were the parents of seven children, namely: Mary Ann, born in Stamford, New York, October 19, 1815; Margaret, born in Stamford, May 31, 1817, married George J. Anderson; Adam K., born in Stamford, January 28, 1819, married Lydia E. Barbour; William B., born in Delhi, March 28, 1822; Rachel, born in Delhi, April 1, 1824, married for her first husband Samuel B. Van Lew, and for her second, Rev. Timothy B. Rogers; Edward M.,

born in Geneva, 1826, married Mary L. Portis; and Isabella, who married Myron S. Bates, as previously stated. Adam K. died May 17, 1897; William B. died November 24, 1822; Rachel (Mrs. Rogers) died July 2, 1897; Edward M. died in 1877.

The children of Myron S. and Isabella (Mabie) Bates were: Charles H. (8), born February 4, 1859; Edward M., born June 5, 1861; Anna E., born April 17, 1865; and William M., born May 24, 1868. All are natives and residents of Williamsport. Edward M. and William M. Bates are both engaged in the grocery business. Anna E. is the wife of Thomas B. Strauser. Mrs. Isabella (Mabie) Bates died June 18, 1898.

Charles H. (8) Bates pursued his education in the public schools of Williamsport. He began his business training under the direction of his father, with whom he remained until twenty years old, when he entered the employ of the Bell Telephone Company of Philadelphia, remaining with them one year. His time was otherwise occupied until 1880, when he returned to Williamsport and accepted the position of bookkeeper with the Millspaugh Brothers, founders and general machinists. Being inherently desirous of pursuing the study of mechanics and physics, he eagerly availed himself of the privileges now open to him for the gratification of this desire, and during his connection with that concern found opportunities to obtain much knowledge, theoretical as well as practical, relative to these studies, which he subsequently utilized to advantage. Early in 1887 he found it necessary to change his business, and on February 1 of that year entered the state office of the Traveller's Insurance Company, then located in Williamsport. In the following January the Pennsylvania headquarters of that company were transferred to Philadelphia, and he was therefore once more compelled by force of circumstances to remove from his native city. His



deep-rooted preference for the mechanical industries continued unabated, however, and, availing himself of an opportunity to purchase an interest in the Coryell Machine Company toward the latter part of 1889, he severed his connection with the Traveller's Insurance Company in November of that year, in order to engage in an enterprise to which his native genius and practical business ability makes him superabundantly adapted. From the Coryell Machine Company was developed the United States Machine Company (incorporated), of Williamsport, manufacturers of wood-working machinery, and for the past sixteen years Charles H. Bates, who as its president controls a majority of its capital stock, has devoted his concentrated energies to the advancement of its interests. The numerous improvements adopted, together with the wise and progressive policy of the management, have brought their products into high repute throughout the United States, and as a result the annual output of the concern is constantly increasing.

Politically, Mr. Bates supports the Republican party in national issues, but in local affairs prefers to act independently, voting for the candidates most qualified in his judgment for holding public office. In all matters relative to the general welfare of the community he takes an active interest, contributing generously to every worthy cause, and he is regarded as one of the foremost public-spirited citizens of Williamsport. He is a member of Lycoming Lodge No. 112, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of De Lolde Commandery, Knights of Malta. His religious affiliations are with the Presbyterian church, and he is a member of its board of deacons.

On September 13, 1880, Mr. Bates was married in Stroudsburg, Monroe county, Pennsylvania, to Miss Lizzie Palmer, daughter of Sydenham and Fanny (Green) Palmer, representatives of highly esteemed Pennsylvania families, and members of the Society of Friends.



Mr. and Mrs. Bates have one son, Fred<sup>h</sup> Palmer Bates, who was born October 16, 1883. He pursued the regular course at the public schools of Williamsport, and afterwards entered Lehigh University, in 1904, for the purpose of taking a special course in analytical chemistry.

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DANIEL A. FESSLER.

Daniel A. Fessler is a well known business man and a prominent citizen of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The earliest information that we have of his family is that his great-grandfather, John Fessler, was a native of Germany.

Henry Fessler, the grandfather of Daniel A., was born in Germany, emigrated to this country and settled above Newberry, Pennsylvania, now a part of the city of Williamsport, on the Long Reach road, where he engaged in farming. He married Margaret Weaver, and there were ten children born to them: William; Samuel; Nicholas, father of our subject; Henry, who served in the civil war; George; Elizabeth, wife of William Winner, of Pennsdale, Pennsylvania; Mary, wife of William Snyder, of Nebraska; Amelia, married John Strovel, of Rose Valley, Pennsylvania; Ellen, widow of Frank Lavo, of South Williamsport, Pennsylvania; and Peter.

Nicholas Fessler, born in Mosquito Valley, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1828, was the son of Henry and Margaret Fessler, and the father of our subject. He was taught the shoemaker's trade, which he followed for some time, but later engaged in the business of carpentering, thinking it would prove more lucrative. He obtained employment with Mr. William Levergood, a contractor and builder. He worked as a carpenter from 1844 until 1864, when he enlisted in Company E, Two Hundred and Seventh Regiment, Pennsylvania Volun-

teers, under the command of General Cox. He served about six weeks when, having been put on guard duty in very inclement weather, he contracted a severe cold which terminated in hasty consumption. He was sent to the hospital at Point of Forks, Virginia, where he died December 18, 1864. Though he had served but a short time, his conduct was so brave and meritorious, and he was so faithful in the performance of the duties assigned to him, that great things were predicted for him. He was a member of the German Reformed church and was a regular attendant there.

In May, 1849, Mr. Fessler married Catharine Hartman, born October 7, 1827, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Miller) Hartman, the former of whom was a carpenter and died in 1853, at the age of sixty-two years. Mrs. Hartman died in 1846, at the age of forty-seven. Nicholas and Catharine Fessler had five children born to them: Margaret, born October 2, 1852, married John A. Vollmer, of Williamsport, and had seven children: Emma, Catharine, Edna, Clide, Anna, Margaret, and Daniel, Jr. Mr. Vollmer is a traveling salesman for a furniture house in Jamestown, New York. Harriet Ann, born December 24, 1854, widow of Peter Weisel. She is the mother of three children: Jennie, George, and Leslie. William Henry (twin), born October 27, 1856, attended the orphans' schools at Orangeville and Mansfield, Tioga county, Pennsylvania. He married Eliza Provo, and had three children: Daniel A., Jr., Freddie, and Ruth. Mary Emma, born October 27, 1856 (twin), taught school for about seven years, and died unmarried at the age of twenty-six. Daniel A., born May 17, 1859.

Daniel A. Fessler, the subject of this sketch, was born at Liberty, Tioga county, May 17, 1859. He is the son of Nicholas and Catharine (Hartman) Fessler, and was educated at the Soldiers' Orphans' school at Mansfield, and at the Williamsport public schools. He learned the

trade of butchering with Peter and Henry Fessler, and was then in the employ of Vollmer and Ulmer for about two years. He then engaged in huckstering between Block House and Williamsport for about a year. After working at the produce stand of Frederick Dorman, in the market house at Williamsport, for about eighteen months, he worked for five years for Peter Fessler, a butcher, who also had a stand at the market house. In 1885 he started in business for himself in the market house, dealing in meat and poultry, a business which he has continued up to the present time. He is one of the representative business men of Williamsport, having been exceedingly successful, owing to his shrewd insight into business methods. He resides with his mother at 1108 Washington street, and attends the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a member. He represented the first ward in the city council for one term, in 1900. Mr. Fessler is a member of all the Masonic bodies in Williamsport, and a member of the Shrine of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. He was initiated in Ivy Lodge No. 397, Free and Accepted Masons, March 15, 1903, and received the degrees of fellow craft, June 22, 1903, and master mason, August 28, 1903. In Lycoming Royal Arch Chapter No. 222, he received the degrees of mark master, June 14, 1904, most excellent master, June 14, 1904, and royal arch mason, October 11, 1904. In Adoniram Council No. 26, Royal and Select Masons, he received the degrees of royal master and select master, March 28, 1905. In Baldwin II Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar, he received the degrees of red cross, November 15, 1904, knight templar, December 20, 1904. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite he received the thirty-second degree, January 29, 1904. He is a member of Amazon Lodge No. 662, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Williamsport; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Lodge No. 173,

of Williamsport. Mr. Fessler is an enthusiastic Republican and a man universally respected by his fellow citizens as having a keen insight into the affairs of the country.

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#### DR. LEWIS D. RANK.

Dr. Lewis D. Rank was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, December 14, 1828, and was a son of Jonathan and Mary (Diefenderfer) Rank. The former was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1790, and died there in January, 1856. The latter was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, in 1800, and died in 1845. They were farmers and members of the German Reformed church, and were the parents of eleven children. Jonathan was married three times, Mary Diefenderfer being his second wife. By his first wife he had one child: Squire Joseph L. Rank, of Newberry, Pennsylvania. The following are the names of eight of the eleven children of his second wife: Sarah, born in 1820, married David B. Moses; Anna; Edward, living at New Columbia, Pennsylvania; Solomon; Lewis D., the subject of this sketch; Levi; Ellen, married Samuel Hertz; and Jonathan. Jonathan and Mary (Diefenderfer) Rank are buried at Whitdeer church near New Columbia, Union county, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Lewis D. Rank, son of Jonathan and Mary (Diefenderfer) Rank, spent his early days on his father's farm, and he was educated in the common schools. At the age of nineteen he went to Milton, Pennsylvania, and there learned the trade of cabinet making. He remained there for three years, going then to New Columbia, where he followed the same trade for another three years. At the end of this time he migrated to Lewistown, Juniata county, Pennsylvania, where he studied dentistry with Dr. John Lock for one year. Dr. Lock is still living at

Lewistown. Dr. Rank then went to Bellefonte, Center county, Pennsylvania, and later with his brother established himself in Williamsport. His brother assisted him for about one year, at the end of which time Dr. Rank went into business for himself. At first he located in the old brick building on the corner of Mussina and Market streets, remaining for about two years; then moved to 56 Market street, where he remained for sixteen years, and finally settled upon his present location at 241 Market street. Dr. Rank is the oldest practitioner of dentistry in the city. He has the reputation of being the best dentist, especially in the making of artificial teeth, putting in crown and bridge work, etc. His clientele consists of all the best people in the vicinity, and he obtains high prices for the very excellent work he does. He is a man who does not advertise his profession, and is highly respected by his fellow practitioners. Dr. Rank is a well preserved man for his years, and has attained a great degree of popularity in the social and business world of his city.

Dr. Rank married (first) Florinda Stout, of Milton, Pennsylvania. She died at the age of about thirty-five years, in 1866, and is buried in Wildwood cemetery, Williamsport, Pennsylvania. They had two children: Cordelia, married William Esterbrooks, of Dubois City, and had four children; and Thomas D., of Williamsport, born October 28, 1858, married Ellie Turley. They had one daughter: Mrs. Frederick Huffman, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Dr. Rank married (second), in 1868, Susan Wetzell, by whom he had one daughter: Irene, born 1874, married a Mr. Sweely, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and who now lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Rank is a member of the Mulberry Street Methodist Episcopal Church, is a deacon and class leader there, and is very religiously inclined. In politics he is a steady adherent to the Republican faith.

## MICHAEL MYERS.

The name of the numerous and well-known family of which Michael Myers, of Williamsport, is a representative, has in the course of time undergone various changes. The founder of the family spelled it Meyer, and in the land records at Harrisburg, where it occurs very frequently, it is given as Moyer, Moyers, Mayer, Meyer, Myer, and Meyers, also as Maier and Meier.

The name of the one who transplanted the race from the Fatherland to the American colonies has not been ascertained with certainty, but is thought to have been Christopher Meyer, and tradition states that he came from palatinate Prussia. It is supposed that he and his wife brought with them two children, one of whom, John Meyer, is said to have been the eldest son.

John Meyer, son of Christopher Meyer, owned the old homestead at Muhlbach, Pennsylvania, and on a tombstone in the cemetery at that place is this inscription: "Jonathan Moyer died December 11, 1786, aged 67 years." December 22, 1786, letters of administration were granted to "his oldest son John" to settle the estate. His wife's name is mentioned in these papers as Ann Barbara, and the names of his children are found on old deeds dated December 3, 1788, discovered among papers in the homestead at Muhlbach.

John Jacob Myer, son of John and Ann Barbara Meyer, moved from Friesburg, Pennsylvania, to Pine Creek, near Jersey Shore, in the same state, where he purchased a fine tract of land about the year 1800. He married Julia Moore, born July 18, 1770, sister of Margaret Moore, who was married to his brother, Philip Myer. John Jacob and Julia (Moore) Myer were the parents of five sons and seven daughters, whose descendants reside chiefly in Clinton and Lycoming counties. The



death of Mr. Myer, which occurred in 1813, was the result of drinking too freely of a spring of very cold water, when overheated, while on a hunting expedition in the forest. He is buried in the old cemetery at Pine Creek, near Jersey Shore, where no tombstone marks his resting place. His widow expired November 8, 1824.

George Myer, third son of Jacob and Julia (Moore) Myer, was born October 5, 1794, and was a prominent farmer and lumberman, owning a large tract of timber land on Pine Creek. He also built a section of the canal, for which he was a contractor. He adhered to the Democratic party, and was a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Myer married Mary Snyder, and their children were: 1. Lucy Ann, born November 23, 1826, married Orange Ramsdell, deceased. 2. Andrew, born August 23, 1828, married Margaret Custertard, deceased, of Jersey Shore. 3. Barbara, born December 31, 1829, died July 17, 1832. 4. Eliza, born October 27, 1831, died August 19, 1834. 5. Harriet, born October 27, 1833, widow of John N. Gast, lives at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. 6. Catharine, born February 10, 1835, married G. P. Smith, of Jersey Shore, and died November 23, 1874. 7. Rebecca, born April 6, 1838, wife of H. E. Messemer, of Williamsport. 8. Mary J., born January 3, 1840, died March 31, 1894. 9. Lydia, born November 15, 1841, wife of Robert Easton, of Williamsport. 10. Michael, mentioned at length hereinafter. 11. George, born November 22, 1845, lives in Naugatuck, Connecticut. 12. Robert, born April 2, 1848, died August 25, 1849. Mr. Myer died October 25, 1849, and was buried at Pine Creek, his remains being subsequently removed to Williamsport and interred in Wildwood cemetery, beside those of his widow, who passed away May 18, 1891. George Myer, father of our subject, was a member of LaFayette Lodge No. 199, Ancient York Masons, of Lock Haven, Clinton county, Pennsylvania. He

at that time spelled his name "Moyer." Afterward he became a member of La Belle Vallee Lodge No. 232, of Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania.

Michael Myers, son of George and Mary (Snyder) Myer, was born November 10, 1843, in Nippenose township, and attended the common schools of his birthplace from which he passed to the West Branch high school at Jersey Shore, afterward taking a course at the Commercial College, Pittsburg. August 12, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, Thirteenth Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, being mustered into service September 4, 1862. He participated in the following engagements: The action at Fisher's Hill, Virginia, April 28, 1863; action near Middletown, Virginia, June 12, 1863; battle of Winchester and retreat of General Milroy, June 13 to 15, 1863; Hazel River, September 12, 1863; Culpeper, September 13, 1863; Sulphur Springs, Virginia, October 12, 1863; Auburn, Oatletts and Bristoe station, Virginia, October 14, 1863; Mine Run, or Parker's Store, Virginia, November 29, 1863; Raid to Front Royal, January 1 to 16, 1864; Wilderness, Virginia, May 5 to 7; Todd's Tavern, May 7 to 9, 1864; Sheridan's Raid to Richmond; action at Hanovers Church, Virginia, May 11, 1864; Yellow Tavern, May 11, 1864; in front of Richmond, May 12, 1864; Haw's shops, Virginia, May 28, 1864; Cold Harbor, June 1, 1864; the Trevillian Raid, Trevillian Station, June 11, 1864; White House Landing, June 22, 1864; St. Mary's Church, June 24, 1864; Deep Bottom, Virginia, August 14 to 16, 1864; Ream's Station, Virginia, August 23 to 25, 1864; Wyatt farm, September 29, 1864; Boydton Plank Road, or South Side Railroad, October 27, 1864; Stony Creek Station, December 1, 1864; Debuey's Mills and Hatcher's Run, February 6 to 7, 1865. The regiment was transferred to Wilmington, North Carolina, and attached to the command of General Terry, and opened communication with General Sherman's army near Fayetteville,

North Carolina. He was in action at Mauriceville, North Carolina, and Raleigh, Bennett's House and Durham Station, April 13, 1865, and was on escort to General W. T. Sherman on the surrender of General Joseph E. Johnston, April 26, 1865. Mr. Myers performed special duty at the headquarters of the Second Brigade, Second Division Cavalry Corps, Army of the Potomac, and at the headquarters of the Third Brigade, Cavalry Command, Military Division of the Mississippi. He was honorably discharged July 14, 1865.

On his return home Mr. Myers was engaged as bookkeeper in the lumber office of Finney & Barrows, Lock Haven, and when in 1867 the firm moved to Williamsport he remained with them, continuing in their service until 1870. In that year he became bookkeeper for Foresman, Merriman & Company, resigning in 1873 in order to accept a similar position with the Union Lumber Company, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, with whom he remained about one year. At the end of that time he returned to Williamsport, where he was bookkeeper for Hebard, Foresman & Smith until about 1876, and then filled a similar position with E. L. Piper & Sons until 1888.

In that year he entered into partnership with Dr. Washington Righter, Joseph C. Righter and Frank W. Benedict, under the firm name of Righter, Benedict & Company, Limited, manufacturers and dealers in lumber. They bought out the firm of E. L. Piper & Sons and carried on the business until 1890, when the firm became W. Righter, Sons & Company. Under this name the business was conducted until April 1, 1905. Mr. Myers is a member of Reno Post No. 64, Department of Pennsylvania Grand Army of the Republic, which he assisted to organize in 1876, and is secretary of the board of managers, and a member of the Cavalry Society, Armies of the United States. He also belongs to Encampment No. 47, Union Veteran Legion. Politically he

is a Republican. He attends Trinity (Protestant Episcopal) Church, of which his wife is a member.

Mr. Myers married Susan Amelia Painter, born in Muncy, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, daughter of the Hon. William P. I. Painter. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are without children.



#### WILLIAM P. I. PAINTER.

William P. I. Painter, deceased, was one of the men whose enterprise and public spirit always placed him on the side of progress and reform, and for nearly half a century he watched the growth and development of the West Branch valley, during which time he gained the esteem and confidence of the residents of Muncy, of which town he was one of the pioneers.

The branch of the Painter family of which he was a representative was founded in this country by two brothers, one of whom was his great-grandfather, who emigrated from Germany prior to the revolutionary war. John Painter, his grandfather, served in that memorable struggle for independence. He married Catharine Taggart, of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, and settled in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, where Thomas Painter, father of William P. I. Painter, was born and reared. After reaching his majority, Thomas Painter went to the town of Northumberland, and clerked in a store for several years. He was sheriff of the county in 1812-15, and served in the legislature in 1822-23. In 1827 he purchased the Columbia County Register and removed to Bloomsburg, and there conducted the paper until 1843. He also served as a justice of the peace in Bloomsburg for about forty years. Mr. Painter married in 1811, Susan Israel, a daughter of General Joseph Israel, of New Castle, Delaware, a veteran

of the revolution. Sixteen children were born of this union, seven of whom attained years of maturity. Thomas Painter died at Muncy, February, 1862; he survived his wife many years, she passing away in July, 1845.

William P. I. Painter was born in Sunbury, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, August 21, 1818. He attended the common schools until he was thirteen years old, and then entered his father's printing office, and learned the art of type-setting. He remained in the office of the Register about five years, and then went to Pottsville, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade. At the age of twenty he joined his brother in the publication of the Mauch Chunk Courier, at Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, with which he was connected until February, 1841. The following month he and his brother, George L. I. Painter, came to Muncy and established the Muncy Luminary, with which he was associated about five years, when he sold his interest to his brother and embarked in the drug business. He conducted a drug store in Muncy up to July, 1891, a period of forty-five years, and then turned over the business to his sons. He served as a justice of the peace fourteen years, represented Lycoming county in the legislature in 1869, and received a re-nomination for this office, but declined the honor. In 1871 he was elected associate judge, and served on the bench five years. While occupying this position he studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1876, but gave very little attention to the practice of this profession. Judge Painter was a Whig and Republican in his political affiliations. He was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity.

Judge Painter was married July 21, 1841, to Sabina Mensch, of Columbia county, Pennsylvania, who bore him the following named children: Joseph I., deceased; Mary M., widow of Harry S. Fessler; Thomas; Sarah B., wife of William H. Everett; Susan A., wife of



Michael Myers; William C.; George L.; Laura W., deceased; and Albra W., deceased. The family belong to the Protestant Episcopal church. After a long and useful life, in which he performed his duties faithfully and efficiently, Judge Painter died September 12, 1895, at Muncy.

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#### WILLIAM HENRY BLOOM.

William Henry Bloom, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Williamsport Water Company, is one of the prominent business men of Williamsport. The family originally came from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania. The earliest record that we have of any member of the Bloom family is of Henry Bloom, who lived in Selinsgrove, Snyder county, was of German origin, and married Sarah Hass.

John Bloom, son of Henry and Sarah (Hass) Bloom, was born at Selinsgrove, Snyder county, Pennsylvania, March 12, 1833, and died June 10, 1895. He received his education in the common schools of Snyder county, and when still quite a young man went to Harrisburg and sought and found employment there. His first position was with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and he served this company as a locomotive engineer for over thirty years. His first run was between Harrisburg and Lancaster, and he remained in this section for five years. During this period the Pennsylvania Railroad Company built the Sunbury and Williamsport branch, and after it was completed they determined to put a few of their most capable and reliable men in charge of the engines on this division. These men had the entire responsibility of caring for the engines in their charge, as there were no shops at either Sunbury or Williamsport. Mr. Bloom was one of the first engineers so selected, and in 1856 he moved with his family to Williamsport, and was given charge of a passenger engine. At that time there were no



tracks laid between Sunbury and Harrisburg, and all freight, etc., was transported on the canal. In 1861, Mr. Bloom bought some ground and built a brick house on Ross street; later he sold this house, and having bought a lot at the corner of Ross and Mulberry streets, he there erected the residence in which he dwelt until the time of his demise, with the exception of a few years which he spent in Kansas.

During the Civil war Mr. Bloom enlisted as a railroad engineer, and in the service of the government had charge of the train running between Washington, District of Columbia, and Alexandria, Virginia. Later he was sent to Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was in governmental service altogether for two years. At the end of this time he returned to Williamsport. He resumed his work with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and continued with them until a few years prior to his death. Mr. Bloom was a regular attendant at the Methodist Episcopal church. In politics he inclined to the Republican party. Mr. Bloom married, August 8, 1851, at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Miss Susan E. Stormfeltz, who was born September 3, 1827, at Lancaster, daughter of Peter and Susan (Stitz) Stormfeltz. Mr. and Mrs. Bloom were the parents of two children: William Henry, born October 21, 1852; and John P., born March 10, 1857, died November 9, 1865. Mr. Bloom and this one son are buried in the Washington Street cemetery, in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

William Henry Bloom, oldest son and only surviving child of the late John and Susan E. (Stormfeltz) Bloom, was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 21, 1852. He was educated in the public schools of Williamsport, at the Dickinson Seminary, and later at the Commercial College. He was an earnest student and a bright and promising scholar, and graduated from the latter institution of learning with credit to himself and his instructors. In 1874 he accepted a position as

bookkeeper in the office of Brown, Early and Company, lumber merchants, taking entire charge of their books until the firm was dissolved in 1888. During the period of time he was connected with Brown, Early and Company, he audited the accounts of the Williamsport Water Company. In 1878 he was elected secretary of this company, a position which he still holds. Upon the death of Mr. J. V. Brown it became known that Mr. Bloom had been named as one of the executors of Mr. Brown's will. Mr. Bloom has a great deal of executive ability, both natural and acquired, and is exceedingly accurate and painstaking in his attention to details, thus making his business career the success it has been. He is popular socially. His political affiliations are Republican, and though he has never held office, he is a staunch adherent to his party. Mr. Bloom now resides at 635 Mulberry street, a dwelling which he had erected in 1884. Mr. Bloom is a member of all the Masonic bodies in Williamsport except the Council, having joined the Williamsport Lodge, No. 106, Free and Accepted Masons, July 1, 1878, and being a past master of that lodge; a charter member of the Consistory; past commander of Baldwin II, No. 22; member of Lulu Temple, No. 525, Shrine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Mr. Bloom is a member of the Ross Club of Williamsport, also Howard Club, Knights Templar, of Williamsport.

Mr. Bloom married Mary Alice Gibson and is the father of four children: Lillian M., who married William Flock; Sarah Bell, who married George P. Nice, of Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania; Tacy Marie, married Hugh M. Sherwood, of Portland, Oregon, and has one child, Andrew William; William J., who died in infancy.

## ANDREW W. SIEGEL.

Andrew Wesley Siegel, actively and prominently identified with many of the leading enterprises of Williamsport, also an active factor in political circles, is a native of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, born at Salladasburg, March 20, 1869, son of John G. and Mary A. (Kiess) Siegel, and grandson of Andrew and Christine (Newbold) Siegel.

Andrew Siegel was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to the United States in July, 1854. He settled in Philadelphia, where he worked at his trade, that of a blacksmith, for six months. He then removed to Burlington county, New Jersey, where he farmed for two years, after which he located in Mifflin township, Lycoming county, where he purchased sixteen acres of land, built a shop, and engaged in the blacksmith business. There he resided until his death in June, 1887. Mr. Siegel was a Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran church. He married Christine Newbold, of Wurtemberg, and to them were born the following children: 1, John C., referred to hereinafter; 2, Christian; 3, William; 4, Abraham, deceased; 5, Conrad, deceased, who served in the Civil war; 6, Solomon, born December 22, 1846. September 1, 1864, he enlisted in Company C, Ninety-seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and saw service until the close of the war; he married Rachel Losch, and to this union have been born eight children: Olive, Maggie, Chrissy, Kate, John, Charles, May and Rachel, deceased; 7, George; 8, Frederick, deceased, also served in the Civil war; 9, Andrew, deceased; 10, Catharine, deceased.

John G. Siegel (father) was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 8, 1832, and was there reared and educated. In 1854, after attaining young manhood, he left his native land to seek for himself a new home amid new surroundings in the United States, locating in the city of

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he secured employment at the trade of shoe making, which he had learned in Germany. In 1856 he took up his residence in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and worked at his trade until 1861, when he enlisted in Company E, Fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, participating in the marches and battles in which his regiment was engaged, the principal engagements having been the seven days' battles before Richmond, and the second battle of Bull Run. Owing to disability he was discharged from the service of the United States government in 1863. Upon his return to civil life Mr. Siegel located at Salladasburg, Lycoming county, and engaged in merchandising in connection with shoemaking, which he followed in the above mentioned village for a period of eleven years. In 1879 he purchased his present farm of sixty acres, on which he established a distillery which he conducted successfully for a number of years, finally disposing of the same to his sons. Mr. Siegel has taken an active part in the public affairs of the township, filling acceptably the offices of jury commissioner, auditor, assessor, constable and school director. In early manhood he gave his allegiance to the Republican party, but subsequently joined the Democratic forces, and has since remained steadfast to the principles espoused by them. He is a member of the Lutheran church.

John G. Siegel married, June 16, 1865, in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, Mary A. Kiess, born in Anthony township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1843, daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth Kiess, the former named, after his emigration from Germany, having settled in Anthony township, where he followed farming and carpentering. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. Groth. The issue of this union was as follows: Jennie M., born September 9, 1867, married J. E. Dorey, of Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, no issue; Andrew W., born

March 20, 1869, referred to hereinafter; Frederick E., born August 29, 1871, married Hattie Myers and they are the parents of one son, Ernest; Frederick E. Siegel, a member of the Siegel Distilling Company; John H., born March 18, 1875, a member of the Siegel Distilling Company; Margaret E., born February 14, 1878, married Charles J. Levegood, of Jersey Shore, issue, one son, William; Samuel D., born August 17, 1880, resides on the homestead; he married Louise Tepel and their child died in infancy; Thomas, died in early life; Clara also died in early life.

Andrew W. Siegel attended the common schools of Lycoming county and subsequently pursued a course of higher study in the Williamsport Commercial College. When ten years of age his parents moved to Mifflin township, locating on a farm, and until 1887 young Andrew assisted with the work thereon, and also was employed in the lumber woods. In the latter year he learned the trade of distiller with his father, and later assumed charge of the business for him, continuing so engaged until February, 1893, when he enlisted in Battery I, Fourth Regiment United States Artillery, as a private. After serving three months in this capacity he was promoted to the rank of corporal, and five months later to that of sergeant, and served as such until 1895, at which time he was stationed in Washington, D. C. Previous to this he was stationed at New York, and at Fortress Monroe, Virginia.

He returned to his home in April, 1895, and later accepted a position in the office of the prothonotary in Lycoming county, under John E. Hopkins. In 1896 C. B. Vandine was elected to the office, and Mr. Siegel served him as entry clerk and deputy until January 1, 1899, when Samuel S. Jarrett succeeded Mr. Vandine, and Mr. Siegel was retained in his employ, serving for three years. In the fall of 1901 Mr. Siegel was a candidate for the office of prothonotary on the Democratic ticket,

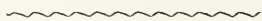
but was defeated by the combined Republican and Prohibition vote. Mr. Siegel devised and had patented a system of indexing for public records, and for six months (during the fall and winter of 1901-02) was engaged in indexing the judgment records in the prothonotary's office in Lycoming county. The system was then adopted by Clearfield county, and for two years thereafter Mr. Siegel was employed at indexing there, and is still actively engaged in that line of work, the system having been universally adopted in Lycoming, Clearfield, Jefferson, Lackawanna and Allegheny counties. In the summer of 1904 Mr. Siegel was nominated on the Democratic ticket for the office of prothonotary, was elected by a majority of over nine hundred, took the oath of office the first Monday in January, 1905, and is now conscientiously and efficiently performing the duties pertaining thereto.

Mr. Siegel became a resident of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in 1895, and two years later formed a partnership with his brothers—Frederick E. and John H.—and engaged in the wholesale liquor business at Nos. 317-319 Market street, under the style of Siegel Brothers. On September 1, 1905, they formed a copartnership under the style of the Siegel Distilling Company, and purchased the entire plant and stock owned by their father, John G. Siegel, at Salladasburg, Pennsylvania. They rebuilt the plant, greatly increasing its capacity in order to meet the larger demands of their business, and at the present time (1905) are engaged exclusively in distilling rye whisky. Mr. Siegel is a stockholder in the Sylvandell Park Association, and the Salladasburg Telephone Company, leading enterprises of this section of the state. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Williamsport; Turn Verein, of Williamsport; Keystone League; W. S. Hancock Camp, No. 49, Sons of Veterans; Young Men's Democratic Club, of which he is vice-president and one of the directors; and the Dun-



woody Fish and Gun Club, and the Big Bear Creek Fish and Gun Club. He is interested in the Larrys Creek game reservation, of five thousand acres, and is the owner of a cabin in the mountains which he uses during the hunting and fishing seasons.

On June 22, 1898, by the Rev. David Keppel, of Elmira, New York, Mr. Siegel was united in marriage to Anna Mayer, born at Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1876, daughter of the late Andrew Mayer and his wife, Rica (Neiding) Mayer, and two children were the issue, as follows: Evelyn Marie, born at Williamsport, August 3, 1901, and Thomas Hammond, born at Williamsport, March 16, 1904. Andrew Mayer and his wife, parents of Mrs. Siegel, were natives of Germany. Their family consisted of eight children, namely: Jacob, Mary, Elizabeth, Amelia, Anna (Mrs. Andrew W. Siegel), Margaret, Caroline, and Minnie, all of whom are living at the present time. Andrew Mayer was a stone mason by trade and assisted in the construction of the county jail. Later he engaged in the hotel business in Williamsport, subsequently purchased a farm in White Deer Valley, to which he removed, and finally resided on Ross street, Williamsport. Mr. and Mrs. Siegel are members of the German Lutheran church.



#### THOMAS JOSEPH GILMORE, M. D.

The subject of this sketch is now well advanced on the road to professional success, having already created a large and remunerative practice, and he has also acquired widespread popularity as an able and conscientious public official.

Thomas Joseph Gilmore, M. D., was born in Williamsport, September 15, 1875, and is of sturdy Scotch-Irish descent, his parents, Thomas Joseph, Sr., and Elizabeth (O'Conner) Gilmore, being natives

of Ireland, his father of county Roscommon and his mother of county Cork. His grandfather was William Gilmore, and his Scotch descent is from his great-grandfather, James Gilmore, who, in company with two of his brothers migrated from Glasgow to county Tyrone, Ireland, during the eighteenth century. James resided in Ireland for the remainder of his life, but his two brothers emigrated to America, and both served as soldiers in the war of 1812-15. Dr. Gilmore's mother was born in 1839, daughter of Daniel and Margaret O'Conner, who were industrious farming people of county Cork. Her father died when she was eight years old, and while still a child she was brought to the United States by her mother, who spent the rest of her life in Williamsport.

Thomas Joseph Gilmore, Sr., was born in 1833. In his youth he entered the service of a botanist, but a desire for more independent surroundings where opportunities for advancement were unrestricted, spirited him away from the land of his birth, and in August, 1852, he emigrated to this country, locating first in New York state. Two years later he came to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he obtained employment of Henry Smith, who was then sawing timber for the first railroad bridge over the Susquehanna, and he was subsequently employed at what was then known as the Big Water Mill. He finally entered the service of Fletcher Coleman, with whom he remained continuously for over forty-one years, thirty-six years of which he acted as night watchman at his employer's extensive establishment. His reliability and faithfulness as an employe were equalled by his economy and thrift, and, by carefully saving the surplus of his earnings, he has through judicious management amassed a comfortable fortune, owning besides his residence on Vine street, which he erected in 1887, a large business block on West Fourth street, and other valuable real estate in Williamsport. Mr. Gilmore has served as tax collector for a period of seventeen years. He

joined the Church of the Annunciation in 1860, is also a member of the Father Matthew Temperance Society, and contributes liberally toward the support of religious work.

Mr. Gilmore's marriage took place August 18, 1860, and he has had a family of five children, namely: William, who was born December 27, 1862, died December 3, 1863; Margaret, born April 19, 1866, deceased; James, born February 14, 1865, deceased; Nellie, born October 19, 1879; and Thomas Joseph, M. D., the principal subject of this sketch.

After concluding his primary studies in the parochial and public schools of Williamsport, Thomas Joseph Gilmore, Jr., prepared for a business career by pursuing a commercial course at the Williamsport Business College, at the completion of which he entered a hardware store as a clerk. A year later he took up the study of telegraphy, which he followed some eighteen months, and subsequently for a period of two years he was employed at Coleman's sawmill. He next entered the drug business as a clerk and continued in that capacity for four years, at the expiration of which time he decided to prepare himself for the medical profession. His preliminary medical studies were directed by D. W. Spence, M. D., of Williamsport, and after graduating from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1900, he became resident physician at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, remaining in that capacity one year. For the past four years he has practiced medicine in his native city, and his professional success has equalled, if not exceeded, his anticipations. He is a member of the dispensary staff of the Williamsport Hospital, and visiting physician to the Home for the Friendless.

For the past two years Dr. Gilmore has served with marked efficiency as coroner of Lycoming county. He affiliates with the Lycoming County and the Pennsylvania State medical societies, the American Med-

ical Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He attends the Church of the Annunciation.

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It is a family legend that the ancestors of the Hills were originally Scotch; that by reason of religious persecution in the reign of James II they fled to Switzerland, and after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes were expelled from Switzerland, along with the Swiss and French Huguenots, and sought refuge in the Palatinate in Germany. In the early years of the eighteenth century there was a large and continuous immigration of German Palatines into Pennsylvania.

Jacob Hill arrived at Philadelphia about the year 1720, with others then known and classed as Palatines. He settled as a farmer in the Maxatawny Valley, near the location of the present site of Kutztown, in Berks county, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was one of the founders of the Moselem Lutheran church, still in existence in Richmond township, Berks county. He had three sons, John Jacob Hill, Daniel Hill and Frederick Hill; also several daughters.

Daniel Hill, the second son of Jacob Hill, was born in Maxatawny Valley in 1728. After reaching manhood he took up his residence at the place known as Windsor Castle, in Windsor township, Berks county. He resided there as a farmer until about the year 1783, having reared a family of thirteen children. His wife having died, he married again, and removed to Westmoreland county, about fifteen miles from the present site of Greensburg, having born to him a second family of twelve children, making twenty-five in all. He died in the year 1814, aged eight-six years.

Jacob Hill, the oldest son of Daniel Hill, was born at Windsor Castle, Berks county, Pennsylvania, May 9, 1750. At twenty-five years of age he enlisted, on the first day of February, 1776, in the Fifth Regiment of the Continental Line for two years. At the expiration of his term he re-enlisted, and served continuously until the end of the war, amounting to seven years, six months and twenty days. He was present at the capture of the Hessians, wintered at Valley Forge, and participated in many battles. In Volume 14, Pennsylvania Archives, Second Series, pages 259, 576, and 289, the name of Jacob Hill appears as captain of the Fifth Company, First Battalion, Berks County Militia, commanded by Colonel David Hunter, May 17, 1777, and again, same battalion and commander, 1778; and again as captain of the Fifth Company, Fifth Battalion, Berks County Militia, commanded by Lieutenant-Colonel John Cuneas, May 10, 1780. On his discharge from the army in 1783 he was married to Christina Gortner, daughter of George Gortner, who in 1773 had removed with his family from Windsor township, Berks county, to his farm in Muncy township, Northumberland (now Lycoming) county, on Muncy Creek, about midway between Muncy and Hughesville. On a Sunday morning in the early summer of the year 1778, George Gortner and a visiting friend by the name of Markel were walking through his corn field inspecting the growing crop, when an Indian in ambush along the bank of the creek arose and fired a shot by which Gortner was instantly killed. Jacob Hill after his marriage resided at Windsor Castle, Berks county, for nine years, and March 26, 1793, removed to the farm he had purchased near Hughesville, Lycoming county. He died January 9, 1824, six days after the death of his wife, Christina. He was a thrifty and successful farmer, and a man of strong moral and religious principles. He was one of the founders and principal supporters of the "Old Brick" Lutheran church, situated mid-



way between Hughesville and Muncy, in the yard adjoining which are the graves of himself and his wife. He had three sons: John Hill, Daniel Hill and Jacob Hill; and five daughters: Susanna, wife of Henry Dieffenbach; Catherine, wife of Frederick Steck; Elizabeth, wife of John Steck; Hannah, wife of Adam Sarver, and Christina, wife of John Houseknecht.

John Hill, the oldest son of Jacob Hill, was born at Windsor Castle, Berks county, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1787. When his father purchased and removed to his farm near Hughesville he was a boy of seven years. Upon the death of his father, in 1824, John Hill purchased the farm and resided there until the year 1855, when he removed to a residence he had erected in the borough of Hughesville. In 1815 he was married to Catherine Steck, daughter of Baltzer Steck, by whom he had twelve children: Dr. George Hill; Rev. Dr. Reuben Hill; Dr. Charles M. Hill; Jacob and John, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, wife of Elwood Hughes; Sarah A., wife of Rev. Dr. P. Born; Susanna, wife of Rev. Joshua Evans; Hannah, wife of Captain A. C. Mench; Martha; wife of Rev. C. J. Ehrehart; Mary C., wife of Rev. J. R. Dimm; and Margaret.

John Hill in his earliest manhood became a member of the Lutheran church, was one of the founders of the present Lutheran church of Hughesville, and held official position in it continuously until his death. He was the uncompromising foe of intoxicating liquors. In 1830 he introduced the innovation of excluding all liquors from his harvest and hay fields, a step which produced severe criticism at the time, and numerous predictions that he could not get his crops harvested. He soon demonstrated, however, that ready cash was a satisfactory substitute, and never found it necessary to return to the custom then so prevalent of furnishing stimulants to hired men. He served several terms as justice of the peace, was a major of the militia for many years, and



throughout his life was highly respected and esteemed. In politics he was a Democrat until the second election of General Jackson, when he voted for Henry Clay. Thereafter he was a Whig until 1856, when he voted for Fremont, and from that time advocated and voted the Republican ticket. He died on June 1, 1873, at the age of eighty-six years, his wife Catherine having died a few years previously.

Dr. George Hill, the oldest son of John Hill, was born in Wolf township, Lycoming county, January 14, 1816. His education was acquired at the Milton Academy under the instruction of David Kirkpatrick and David Ferguson. He chose the profession of medicine, and graduated at Jefferson Medical College in 1838. He immediately thereafter began the practice of his profession in Hughesville. Nine years later he removed to Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, where he continued the practice of medicine very arduously for seven years. In 1855 he purchased his father's farm near Hughesville and removed thereon. For forty-one years he managed the farm and practiced his profession in that vicinity. He was highly esteemed as a physician, and there were not many families for miles about him which during all those years did not receive the benefit of his professional ministrations. On the 10th of September, 1840, he was married to Rachel Hughes, daughter of Jeremiah Hughes, whose father, William Hughes, was prominent in the Society of Friends, and a lineal descendant of John ap Hugh (written Hughes at later date), who came from Wales in 1698 and settled in Philadelphia.

Dr. Hill died on the 27th day of November, 1896, at the age of nearly eighty-one years, his wife having died two years previously. He was an active and ardent member of the Lutheran church at Hughesville, then at Bloomsburg, and again at Hughesville to the end of his life, which was one of great activity and widely extended usefulness.

Dr. Hill had seven children, six of whom survived him: J. Clinton Hill, a member of the bar of Lycoming county, located at Williamsport; J. Harvey Hill, M. D., a physician located at Baltimore, Maryland; G. Alvin Hill, M. D., a physician in Philadelphia; Justin L. Hill, pharmacist in Williamsport, and Cornelia and Rachel Ada Hill, who reside in Hughesville.

J. Clinton Hill, the oldest son of Dr. George Hill, was born at Hughesville, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1841. He graduated at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, in 1864, and was admitted to the Lycoming county bar in 1867, and since that time has practiced law continuously at Williamsport, Pennsylvania. On September 8, 1870, he was married at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to Sophia Catherine Weise, daughter of Henry Weise, of Hagerstown, Maryland. He has five children: Harvey Russell Hill, a member of the Lycoming county bar, practicing at Williamsport; George Henry Hill, an electrical engineer with the General Electric Company at Schenectady, New York; Leila Catherine; Robert Clinton, in the West Branch National Bank of Williamsport; and Frederick Weise Hill. George Henry Hill was married December 21, 1899, to Hazel Thompson, daughter of William B. Thompson. They have three children, all of whom are boys.

George Alvin Hill, the third son of Dr. George Hill, was born at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1850, and at the age of four years moved with his parents to Lycoming county. He was educated at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, which institution later conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts. He then began the study of medicine with his father as his preceptor, and after attending the University of Maryland and the University of Pennsylvania was graduated from the latter in 1874, and at once entered upon the practice of his profession in Hughesville. A few years later

he removed to Williamsport, where he continued in active private and hospital practice for sixteen years. In 1896 he left Williamsport for an extended course of study in the hospitals and post-graduate schools of Philadelphia on the subjects of ophthalmology and otology, and in the year following opened an office in that city for the practice of that branch of medicine. He was for some years instructor in the Polyclinic Hospital, and clinical assistant at Wills Eye Hospital.

In 1881 Dr. Hill married Mary, daughter of Mrs. M. E. Robison, of Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania, with whom he lived but a year, she having died on December 3 of the year following, after an illness lasting only a day. On March 10, 1888, he was married again, at Ardmore, Pennsylvania, to Alice Gertrude, daughter of Charles Byers, late of Springfield, Massachusetts, whose ancestors were prominently connected with the early history of New England. To this union was born in July, 1889, a daughter, Dorothy Alice, who died after an acute illness, at the age of two years and two months.

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#### DANIEL EMERY BROWN.

Daniel Emery Brown, of Williamsport, who bears a full share in the promotion of community interests, labors efficiently to develop industrial and commercial enterprises, and is the ardent supporter of educational and religious institutions, is a native of the town of Carroll, Penobscot county, Maine, his birth having occurred in the year 1846. He is the son of Horace and Rebecca (Cole) Brown, and the grandson of Ezekial M. Brown. Horace Brown (father) was a lumberman, trader and farmer, served in the army, also in the state legislature of Maine, was a well educated man, a Baptist in religion and a Democrat in politics. Daniel E. Brown is one of six children, the others being as

follows: Susan C., deceased; Almira T., wife of Samuel Mallett, and mother of three children; William H., married Emma Bishop, and they are the parents of two children; Charles A., married a Miss Weatherbee, of Maine, and their family consists of four children; Annie R., who died in early childhood.

Daniel E. Brown received his early education in the public schools of Maine, and this was supplemented by attendance at the Lee Normal Academy, of which institution he is a graduate. He resided on the farm with his parents until the year 1865, when he took up his residence in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, in which city he has since made his home. His first employment was with George B. Merrill in the bark woods near Williamsport, and after remaining with him for two years he turned his attention to scaling logs and lumber, and worked in the woods in the winter, and on the Susquehanna boom during the summer months. This line of work he followed until the flood of 1889, when he retired from an active life and invested the accumulation of years in the purchase of timber lands in various sections, and at the present time (1905) is associated with the Bowman Lumber Company in their large lumber operations in West Virginia, and the Saluda River Lumber Company, of South Carolina, and the Avoyelles Company at Marksville, Louisiana, and also interested in other states, Tennessee and North Carolina. He is also a large stockholder in the United States Rubber Trust, the Lycoming Rubber Company, and various other enterprises which materially advance the prosperity of the community. In all his business transactions he has acquitted himself in such a way as to gain the confidence and esteem of all with whom he is associated. He holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also the Encampment, and is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Democratic party, as laid

down by Thomas Jefferson. He is the only member of his father's family to cast his vote with that party.

Mr. Brown was married at Lee, Maine, 1872, to Ruth M. Mallett, a graduate of Lee Normal Academy, daughter of William and Sally (Merrill) Mallett, and granddaughter of Samuel T. and Mary M. Mallett. William and Sally (Merrill) Mallett were the parents of nine other children, as follows: Mary, Howard, Samuel T., George W., Lenora T., Hannah W., Willis P., Rowena L., and Charles W. Mallett. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Brown, M. Agnes, a graduate of Wellesley College, Massachusetts. Mr. Brown and his family are members of the Presbyterian church.

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#### CHARLES BARTLES.

Charles Bartles, one of the oldest members of the Lycoming bar, enjoys the unique distinction of never being associated with a partner in all the long period of his professional career covering a space of thirty-eight years. He is a native of New Jersey, born in Flemington, October 7, 1843. He is of German ancestry, his paternal grandfather, Frederick Bartles, being a native of Hamburg, Germany. Frederick Bartles served in the Prussian army under Frederick the Great, was taken prisoner and later escaped to France, from whence he came to America, being still a young man. He settled in New Germantown, New Jersey, where he passed his life as a farmer, and his death occurred in Flemington, New Jersey. He married a Miss Plumb, and all their eight children, except one son who went to Indiana, settled in New Jersey, near Flemington, where they were farmers and merchants. This family was noted for its phenomenal longevity, all of the children living to upwards of eighty years.



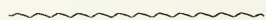
Charles Bartles, son of Frederick Bartles and father of Charles Bartles to whom this narrative principally relates, was born in Flemington, New Jersey, in 1801, and died there in 1882. He was a man of broad attainments and great nobility of character. He was a graduate of Union College, at Schenectady, New York, where he was a classmate of Hon. William H. Seward, who became secretary of state in the cabinet of President Lincoln. He was a lawyer by profession, and was prominently identified with various great enterprises, among them the Camden & Amboy Railroad, and he was president of one of its constituent lines. He married Eliza Holt, who was born in Flemington, New Jersey, and died there. Her family was of Scotch extraction, and she was a grandniece of John Holt, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Charles and Eliza (Holt) Bartles were the parents of four children: George, who died in youth; Mary, who also died young; William, a retired physician, now resides upon the old homestead; and Charles. All the family were Presbyterians in religion, and Republicans in politics.

Charles Bartles, youngest child of Charles and Eliza (Holt) Bartles, obtained his elementary education in Flemington, New Jersey, where he attended a private school, and subsequently was a student in the Trenton Academy. He prepared for his profession in the Harvard Law School, from which he was graduated with the class of 1866. He was admitted to the superior court in Boston, December 19, 1866, of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, of Suffolk county. In 1867 he came to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he has since resided. At his coming he entered the law office of William H. Armstrong, and in the same year was admitted to practice in the courts of that state. From that time to the present he has been actively and usefully engaged in his profession and, as has before been remarked, it is his unusual experience



to have had no partnership association with any other lawyer during all this long period. He has been interested in many prominent enterprises of Williamsport and also of Clearfield county, Pennsylvania. He is vigorous both physically and mentally, and bids fair to round out at least two score years of active professional life. With his family he attends Trinity (Protestant Episcopal) church. He has always been a Republican in politics, his first presidential vote having been cast for the second election of Abraham Lincoln.

April 7, 1869, Mr. Bartles married Mary Bell, a native of Virginia, and reared in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Thomas and Charlotte (Harvey) Bell. Of this marriage were born four children: Charles, Charlotte, Frederick and Mary.



### JOHN C. ROGERS.

The Rogers family, of which John C. Rogers is a worthy representative in the present generation, is supposed to have been founded in this country by Joseph Rogers, one of four brothers who came from England and settled in Salem, Massachusetts. Joseph Rogers married Sarah Cuvier or Currier, and shortly afterward joined an expedition to Port Royal, where he was probably killed by the Indians or French, as he was never heard from afterwards.

Hope Rogers, the ancestor of this branch of the family, is supposed to have been the only son of the above named couple, and to have received his name in hopes of his father's return. The earliest records of Hope Rogers were found in Windham county, Connecticut, and are to the effect that he purchased lands of John Waldo, in Windham, June 5, 1713, one hundred acres for one hundred and fifteen pounds sterling. He was a resident of Mansfield. According to one tradition he had four

wives and thirteen children, but fails to name any wife except Esther Meacham, whom he married November 14, 1715, or any children except the following, which were taken from the Windham county records: Joseph, born August 5, 1716, died in infancy; Ishmael, born July 7, 1717; Ichabod, born January 19, 1719, married, November 10, 1743, Priscilla Holt, born at Andover, Massachusetts, September 14, 1725, daughter of Elias and Mary (Bixbee) Holt; Josiah, born October 7, 1720, mentioned hereinafter; Jethro, born April 14, 1722; Jeduthan, born February 16, 1724; Sarah, born February 21, 1726, married, October 11, 1744, Robert Greene; Mary, born October 6, 1727; Joel, born October 14, 1729; Ruth, born August 23, 1732.

Josiah Rogers, fourth son of Hope and Esther (Meacham) Rogers, born October 7 (or 18), 1720, died December 4, 1815. He was tithing man of Windham in 1760. He subsequently removed to Pennsylvania, and after the Wyoming massacre he returned to Wyoming, and there his death occurred. He married, March 1, 1743, Hannah Ford, born September 19, 1726, and died July 10, 1778, in the wilderness between Sunbury and Reading, Pennsylvania, while fleeing from the Indians at the Wyoming massacre. Their children were as follows: Jonah, born December 15, 1743, mentioned hereinafter; Josiah, born August 15, 1747, died in infancy; Hannah, born July 15, 1748.

Jonah Rogers, eldest son of Josiah and Hannah (Ford) Rogers, born December 15 (or 26), 1743, died January 24, 1799. He married, December 11, 1766, Deliverance Chaffee, born February 17, 1743, died August 31, 1826. Their children were as follows: Jonah; Josiah, born December 18, 1768; Elihu married Rhoda Drake; Hannah married Griffin Lewis, issue, Philena, Deliverance, Amy, James and Jonah; Joze married (first) ——— Shaw, and (second) Hannah Lumcree; Joel, mentioned hereinafter.

Rev. Joel Rogers, youngest son of Jonah and Deliverance (Chaffee) Rogers, married (first) Mary (Polly) Lumcree, and married (second) Mary (Polly) Jackson. His children, all by his second wife, were as follows: Jozé, born July 24, 1816, married, October 25, 1849, Lydia Ann Rogers; Joel, who is doubtless the "Dr. Joel" quoted in Miner's History of Wyoming; Lydia Ann; and Stephen, born April 17, 1824, mentioned hereinafter.

Stephen Rogers, youngest son of the Rev. Joel and Mary (Polly) (Jackson) Rogers, was born at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1824. His early life was spent on his father's farm in Huntington, Luzerne county, and his education was received in the common schools. In 1851 he purchased the sawmill of J. and J. Callahan, situated about fifty rods from where the iron bridge now crosses Little Pine creek, which was destroyed by the flood of 1889. He also purchased at the same time nine hundred and thirty-seven acres of timber land in partnership with George Worrall, and they settled upon the land and were engaged in the lumber business for a number of years. After the flood heretofore mentioned Mr. Rogers turned his attention to farming and getting out lumber and saw logs for the market. He filled the offices of school director, auditor, town clerk and justice of the peace, having been elected to the latter office in 1890. He was a Baptist in religion, a Whig and later a Republican in politics, and one of the enterprising citizens of his community. He was one of the Emergency Men, and in 1863 joined Company K, Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania Militia, with the rank of sergeant. Mr. Rogers was married August 29, 1868, to Phoebe, daughter of John Carson, and to this union were born three children; Lewis W., born February 8, 1870; John C., born January 24, 1873, mentioned hereinafter, and Bertha M. Rogers, born May 3, 1885. Mr. Rogers died at his residence in Pine township, October 28, 1898, and

his remains are interred at Carson Town cemetery in Pine township, Lycoming county.

John C. Rogers, second son of Stephen and Phebe (Carson) Rogers, was born on January 24, 1873, in Pine Township, Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, and was reared on his father's farm. He attended the public schools of that District and later at Danville, Mountour County, Pennsylvania, graduating from the Danville High School in 1893. He located in Williamsport in the Fall of 1893, and took a course in stenography at Pott's Shorthand College, and in 1895 entered the law offices of W. D. Crocker, Esq., and prepared himself for admission to the bar of Lycoming County, and was admitted on July 20, 1898, since which time he has been actively engaged in the practice of the law. On June 3, 1902, he was admitted to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. In April, 1902, he was appointed by Frank P. Cummings, Esq., who was at that time elected to the office of City Solicitor, as his assistant, and served in that capacity during Mr. Cummings' first term of three years, and in 1905, Mr. Cummings being re-elected, he was again made assistant, which position he still holds. Mr. Rogers' office is located in the Howe Building, No. 32 West Fourth Street. He is a Republican in politics, and has always taken an active interest in public affairs. He is a member of Ivy Lodge No. 397, F. & A. M., and of the Williamsport Consistory of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons.

John C. Rogers was married on August 22, 1902, to Maud E. Brown, second daughter of Joseph Champ Brown and Henrietta M. (Wise) Brown, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and they have one son, John Carson Rogers, Jr., born October 12, 1903.

Dr. Joel Jackson Rogers, second son of the Rev. Joel and Mary (Polly) (Jackson) Rogers, aforementioned, was born in Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1818. He acquired his early

education chiefly under his father's direction, as he was a teacher as well as a minister of the Gospel. In the winter of 1842-43 he studied medicine in New York city, paying his personal expenses by selling books and periodicals during his leisure hours. He was regularly graduated from a medical institution, and in 1846 began his professional career in Lehman township. The following year he removed to Huntsville, and there lived and practiced for more than half a century, being at the time of his death, in 1902, the oldest member of the Luzerne County Medical Society. He married, April 15, 1851, at Trucksville, Pennsylvania, Sarah Caroline Rice, daughter of the Rev. Jacob and Sarah (Cook) Rice, and their children were: Lewis Leonidas, mentioned hereinafter; Charles Jacob, born August 17, 1854; Mary Louise, born May 26, 1857; Joseph Alfred, born July 7, 1859; Sarah Carrie, born October 27, 1862.

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CLARENCE J. DUN.

Clarence J. Dun, national secretary of the National Protective Association, whose home office is located at No. 20 West Market Square, Williamsport, Pennsylvania, is a native of Elmira, Chemung county, New York, born December 20, 1872. He is a son of John and Ada S. (Feuksbury) Dun, and grandson of Owen Dun, who emigrated from England to the United States, settling at Elmira, New York. John Dun (father) was born December 14, 1850, and is at present (1905) engaged in the manufacture of mineral waters and soft drinks at Elmira, New York. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Elmira, and a firm adherent of the principles of the Republican party. His wife, Ada S. (Feuksbury) Dun, born at Waterloo in 1855, died in 1896, and her remains were interred in the cemetery of her native city.

The common and high schools of Elmira afforded Clarence J. Dun



excellent educational advantages. After his graduation from the latter institution in the class of 1890 he learned telegraphy with the Northern Central Railroad at Elmira, and from there went to the Lehigh Valley freight office, filling a clerkship for two years. He then accepted a position as relief operator and station agent at headquarters, Sair, Pennsylvania, remaining six months. The following two years he served as agent at Cayward Station, New York, and from there went to Geneva, New York, where he took charge of the transfer, which position he held twelve years, resigning therefrom in August, 1904. He then went to Albany, New York, and accepted a position with the People's Mutual Life Insurance Company of Syracuse, New York, from which he resigned in April, 1905. He then came to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, to institute the National Protective Association, a fraternal beneficiary society, which was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, June 6, 1905, with home office at No. 20 West Market Square, Williamsport, and is now serving as national secretary of the same. The officers of the association are as follows: James M. Rook, national president; Albert L. Scholl, national vice-president; Clarence J. Dun, national secretary; J. Harry Spencer, national treasurer; Asa A. White, national superintendent of agencies; Frank L. Moyer, M. D., national medical examiner; Clarence L. Peaslee, national counsel; D. M. Hinkel, national director; Asakiah K. Gaul, national director; and F. W. Plankenhorn, national director. The trustees of the association are: Albert L. Scholl, Frank L. Moyer, M. D., and Asakiah K. Gaul. Politically Mr. Dun is an active supporter of the Republican party, and takes a deep interest in the success of that organization. He is a member of Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 3, Free and Accepted Masons, Albany, New York, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows No. 19, Trumans.

Mr. Dun married, July 27, 1896, Stella F. Predmore, a daughter



of James and Jueba Predmore, residents of New York, where Mr. Predmore is engaged in agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Dun are members of the Presbyterian church.

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### JOSEPH ELMER SCHAEFER, M. D.

The ancestors of Dr. Joseph Elmer Schaefer, of Quiggleville, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, had their original home in Germany. Adam Schaefer was born in 1812, in the Fatherland, and landed in the United States July 4, 1854. His calling was that of a mason, which he continued to follow after his arrival in this country. He was a member of the Lutheran church, which he served in various capacities.

Mr. Schaefer married Caroline Dauber, who was born in Germany in 1814. They were the parents of two children: Charles, mentioned at length hereinafter; and Elizabeth, who became the wife of Valentine Stiber, of Newberry, Pennsylvania, and died, leaving seven children. Mrs. Schaefer died in 1841, in Lycoming township, and her husband passed away in 1888, having been for more than thirty years a citizen of his adopted country.

Charles Schaefer, son of Adam and Caroline (Dauber) Schaefer, was born July 30, 1838, in Germany. He learned the trade of weaving with his father, whom he accompanied to the United States in 1854. They settled on a farm whereon he resided for many years, and in his new home he attended school and learned the trade of a mason, which he followed for some time. October 5, 1863, he began to work for the Northern Central Railroad Company in the capacity of section hand, and was in their service until his death, a period of forty-two years. During the last five years he had been stationed at the Breining crossing. Mr. Schaefer made numerous improvements in the old homestead, hav-

ing in 1871 remodeled the entire residence. He held the office of school director. He was a deacon of the Lutheran church of Lycoming, which he served for fifteen years as treasurer. He also took great interest in the work of the Sunday-school connected therewith.

Mr. Schaefer married, February 11, 1864, Julia Ann, born March 30, 1846, daughter of Valentine and Caroline (Stephen) Young. Their children are: Valentine S., who died in infancy; John Adam, born June 10, 1866, married Kate Heinlen and has two children, Watson and Clara Schaefer. Joseph Elmer, mentioned at length hereinafter. Clara A., born April 11, 1871, is the wife of David Beach, and has been the mother of five children: Elmer, Ruth, Victor, Ida, deceased, and Alice. Carrie, born February 10, 1874, attended the Muncy Normal School and became a teacher, serving eight terms in Hepburn township; she subsequently married David E. Lehman, a merchant of Hepburn, Pennsylvania, and has one child, Sara Lehman. Charles Edwin, born June 28, 1876, was educated in the Muncy Normal School, and lives in Schenectady, New York, where he is a clerk in the office of the New York Central Railroad; he married Lillian Eddy and has no children. Harry W., born September 3, 1878, was educated in Muncy Normal School and lives at Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania, where he is a clerk in the engineering department of the New York Central Railroad Company; he is a member of the Lutheran church; he married Margaret Dauber and has two children: Brady and George Paul Schaefer. Ida, born September 10, 1880, died September 26, 1881. Alice, born August 12, 1882, attended the Williamsport Commercial College and Muncy Normal School; she taught for three terms, and is now postmistress at Lycoming, also holding the position of clerk in the store of H. J. Stiber. Charles Schaefer, the father of these children, was found dead along the Northern Central Railroad track, south of Cogan Station, Thursday

evening, August 31, 1905, by Charles Ball and William Witchey, who were on their way up the track. Heart failure was the cause of death. He was employed as a watchman at Breining's crossing, near Cogan Station, and his body was found about a quarter of a mile south of the watch box. The funeral took place from the Lutheran church, of which he was a consistent member, Sunday, September 3, 1905, at 10 a. m., the Rev. William Weicksel, pastor of the church, officiating. Mr. Schaefer was sixty-seven years, one month and one day old.

Joseph Elmer Schaefer, son of Charles and Julia Ann (Young) Schaefer, was born September 4, 1868, in Lycoming township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, and passed his boyhood on the farm, receiving his preparatory education in the public schools. In 1885 he entered the Lycoming County Normal School at Muncy, where he was prepared for college, remaining four years. In 1885 he became an educator, teaching one term in Lewis township, two terms at the Quiggleville School, in Lycoming township, two terms at the Crescent School, in Hepburn township, and three terms in Pleasant Valley, and throughout these changes remaining in his native county. In September, 1893, he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, Maryland, taking a three years' course, including a special course in diseases of infants and children, and graduating in 1896 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. Prior to entering college he had for three years read medicine under the guidance of Dr. W. F. Kunkle, of Williamsport, his period of preparation being thus virtually the equivalent of a six years' course. After graduation he opened an office at Lycoming, and has built up a very large practice. Although Lycoming is the name of the postoffice, the place is better known as Quiggleville. Dr. Schaefer is examiner for the New England Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Boston, and the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Philadel-

phia. He is a member of the Alumni Society of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Baltimore, also a member of the Lycoming County Medical Society. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran church.

Dr. Schaefer married, June 6, 1900, Ida L. Hinkleman, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Owen Reber, in the Lutheran church at Lycoming. Dr. and Mrs. Schaefer are the parents of two children: Harold Luther, born March 17, 1901; and Mildred Evangeline, born June 20, 1903.

Mrs. Schaefer is a daughter of Peter and Phoebe (Ludwig) Hinkleman, both natives of Germany, the former born March 14, 1831, and died April 16, 1902, and the latter born December 20, 1837. Peter Hinkleman learned the carpenter's trade in his own country, and in 1853 emigrated to the United States, settling in Lycoming township, and later moving to Lewis township, where he became a well-to-do farmer. He was a Democrat in politics, and for many years served as supervisor and school director. He held the offices of elder, trustee and deacon in the Lutheran church. Mr. Hinkleman and his wife were the parents of the following children: Jacob, born May 19, 1859, resides on the homestead. Adam, born May 21, 1861, married Anna Sander and had seven children, six of whom are living. John, born December 12, 1863, married Carrie Myers and had seven children, four of whom are living. Charles, born May 17, 1866, married Margaret E. Stiber and had five children, four of whom are living. Peter M., born November 20, 1868, married Mae Weaver and has five children. Elizabeth, born May 10, 1871, resides at home. George W., born October 17, 1873, died of heart disease at the age of nineteen, being taken ill while working in the cornfield. Ida L., born June 6, 1876, wife of Dr. Schaefer, mentioned at length hereinafter. Harry L., born June 2, 1879, a member of the firm of Quiggle & Hinkleman, proprietors of a general store at

Newberry. He married Abbie Quiggle and had four children, two of whom are living. Margaret, born May 15, 1882, resides at home. Mr. Hinkleman, the father of this family, died April 16, 1902. He is survived by his widow, who is about sixty-eight years old and resides on the homestead.

Ida L. (Hinkleman) Schaefer, daughter of Peter and Phoebe (Ludwig) Hinkleman, was born June 6, 1876. She was educated in the common schools of Lycoming county and at Muncy Normal School. She taught seven terms in Lewis township, three terms at Corter's school and four terms at Bobst Mountain school. Subsequently she became the wife of Dr. Joseph Elmer Schaefer, as mentioned above. Both Dr. and Mrs. Schaefer are earnest church workers. The former is trustee and for the last ten years has served as superintendent of the Sunday-school. Mrs. Schaefer served for ten years as secretary of the Sunday-school, and is now teaching in the primary department.



#### ABRAHAM HENRY KIESS.

The ancestors of Abraham Henry Kiess, of Williamsport, had their original home in Germany, the land which has given to Pennsylvania some of her best citizens. The founder of the Lycoming county branch of the family was Christian Kiess, a native of Wittenberg, who in 1804 embarked for the United States. The voyage was long, even for those days of tardy sailing-vessels, dependent as they were upon the caprices of wind and wave, and not until he had endured for one hundred and two days the wearisome monotony of ocean travel did he first set foot upon the shores of the New World.

In his native country Christian Kiess had been a schoolmaster, but in his new home he determined to adopt the life of a farmer. He came



to Lycoming county and settled on a farm near Warrensville. To the cultivation of this land he devoted himself for the residue of his years. He was the father of a large family, some of whom were born in Germany and were brought by their parents to the new home across the sea, where their descendants for many generations were to recruit the ranks of the good citizens of the republic.

Among the sons of Christian Kiess was one whose name unfortunately seems not to have been preserved, and who was the father of George W. Kiess. George W. Kiess was a prominent dairyman and held the offices of supervisor and overseer of the poor in Lower Fairfield township. In the sphere of politics he affiliated with the Democrats, and his religious belief was that of the Baptist church, of which he was a member. Mr. Kiess married, in 1858, Barbara, daughter of Jacob and Mary Mutchler, the former a farmer of Blooming Grove. The death of Mr. Mutchler occurred when he was but thirty-one years of age, and his wife also died young. Both are buried in Blooming Grove cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Kiess were the parents of the following children: 1. Abraham Henry, mentioned at length hereinafter. 2. Katharine, who was born January 24, 1861, is married to Charles F. Ulmer, alderman of Hepburn township, and has two children, Elma and Albert. 3. William P., who lives in Newberry, Pennsylvania, married Susan Quiggle, and has two children, Clarence and Mary. 4. Charles F., who is a farmer in Hepburn township, married Sally Shaffer, and is the father of Frederic, George, and Dorothy. 5. Edward, who died at the age of nine years, nine months and nine days. 6. Mary M., who is in business as a dressmaker. Mr. Kiess died in November, 1889, and his widow resides in Hepburn township.

Abraham Henry Kiess, son of George W. and Barbara (Mutchler) Kiess, was born January 24, 1859, in Anthony township, and received



his preparatory education in the common schools of Lower Fairfield township, afterward attending the Muncy Normal School, from which he graduated in the class of 1882. For three years he taught the Bobst Mountain and Carter schools in Lewis township, for one year was a teacher in Hepburn township, and for the same length of time took charge of a school in Pleasant Valley. He also taught in the Mountain avenue school, South Williamsport.

Deciding to enter mercantile life, he accepted a position as clerk in the store of L. L. Stearns, in Williamsport, remaining there three years, and was then employed as a log scaler by the firm of Shielly, Sprigon & Company for the space of one year. At the end of that time he entered the service of Deemer & Company, at Sparrow's Point, being employed in the capacity of lumber counter. This position he retained for two years, and then again became a clerk, this time with C. F. Fullmer & Company, dealers in agricultural implements. In 1892 he associated himself with D. Stumpfle, now head of the firm of D. Stumpfle & Sons, and was given charge of the West End stone and coal yards. This position he has since held.

In 1888 Mr. Kiess was elected school director in the Eighth ward and served one term. In 1895 he was elected to the same office in the Tenth ward, and in 1901 became president of the school board. In 1902 he was chosen treasurer and is still serving in that capacity. He belongs to the Knights of Malta, the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is a member of the Baptist church, in which for nine years he served as trustee.

Mr. Kiess married, August 22, 1887, Ida M. Gorr, and they are the parents of three children: Emma, who was born August 12, 1888; Susan, who was born November 21, 1894; and Clyde, who was born September 7, 1897. Mrs. Kiess is a daughter of John and Susan Gorr,

and was born in August, 1868. Her parents were both natives of Germany, and after coming to this country lived at Erie, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Gorr was a manufacturer of iron furnaces. Both he and his wife are now deceased.

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#### H. M. KUESTER.

H. M. Kuester, a representative business man of Williamsport, was born at Elmira, New York, April 14, 1863, a son of John H. and Catharine (Mayner) Kuester. John H. Kuester was born in Heidelberg, Germany, in 1828, and there reared and educated. In 1846 he came to this country and settled at Manaster, Wisconsin, where for a period of time he clerked in a store and afterwards engaged in the grocery business in partnership with his brother. In 1861 he enlisted as a private in the Civil war, and at the close of hostilities between the north and south went to Washington, D. C., and was there associated with J. Langdon & Company. From there he went to Elmira, New York, and assumed charge of the business of the above mentioned firm there, being associated with the same for the long period of forty-one years. At the present time (1905) he is stationed at Phillipsburg, Center county, Pennsylvania, serving in the capacity of traffic superintendent for the company. He is a Republican in politics.

H. M. Kuester was educated in the common schools of Elmira, and afterward attended a commercial college, graduating therefrom in 1881. The following year he succeeded his father as shipper for the Macintyse Coal Company, shipping the last car load of coal in 1884. He then accepted a position as station agent at Troy, Pennsylvania, remaining one year. He then went to Gazzam, Pennsylvania, in the year 1885, and opened the mines there, also engaging in the insurance business. He re-

mained until 1887, in which year he took up his abode in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and accepted a position with the Kettle Creek Coal Mining Company as cashier, and as general agent for the Western Insurance Company. Later he accepted a position as bookkeeper for the firm of A. H. Heilman & Company, filling that position until 1900, when he opened up an insurance office in this city, representing eight different companies, and is now in receipt of a more extensive business along those lines than any other man in the city of Williamsport, controlling the insurance of many of the largest and most desirable business and residence properties in Williamsport and vicinity.

Mr. Kuester married, November 12, 1885, Carrie H. Gorich, daughter of Dr. Gorich, who was born in Germany, was one of Williamsport's most prominent physicians and health officer for many years, and died July 12, 1903. Three children were the issue of this union: Harriet M., born April 30, 1887; Matilda J., born May 10, 1890; and Kathryn, born January 4, 1892.

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#### THE LLOYD FAMILY.

The Lloyd Family, representatives of whom are honored and respected citizens of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, trace their ancestry to Thomas Lloyd, one of the land commissioners appointed by William Penn in 1684 at the organization of the provincial government. His descendants subsequently located in Canada, whence David Lloyd came to the United States, having deserted from the British army because of sympathy with the American cause in the war of 1812. He settled in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, from whence he removed to Muncy, where he served as justice of the peace and was identified with many enterprises of a public character. In 1816, at Muncy, David Lloyd married Mary

Quinn, who bore him several children. He died in Muncy, in 1868, at the age of eighty-two.

Arthur Lloyd, third child in the family of David and Mary (Quinn) Lloyd, was born and passed his entire life at Muncy, Pennsylvania. He was a carpenter by trade, which occupation he followed successfully for many years. He was a Republican in politics. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Brewer, who bore him several children, among whom were the following: Annetta, who became the wife of Lyman Johnson; Sarah, who became the wife of Daniel Clapp; Annie, who became the wife of H. T. Sallada; and William Q. Lloyd. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

William Q. Lloyd, son of Arthur and Elizabeth (Brewer) Lloyd, was born in Muncy, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1850. He was educated in the public schools and Dickinson Seminary. He learned the trade of a shirt cutter, and was the first regular shirt manufacturer in Lycoming county, which occupation he followed for twenty years, being a member of the firm of Matthewson & Company, in 1872, and since that time has been engaged in business alone. Mr. Lloyd started the first laundry in Williamsport, and in 1879 erected a first-class steam laundry, in connection with which he also has a large and lucrative business in the manufacture of shirts. He is a member of the Order of Elks, and is a Republican in politics. Mr. Lloyd was married in 1874 to Mary E. Rothrock, daughter of George Rothrock, of Williamsport, and among the children born to them are the following: Harry, Rex and John Lloyd.

Rex Lloyd, son of William Q. and Mary E. (Rothrock) Lloyd, was educated in the common schools of Williamsport, attending the same until fifteen years old, when he began work in the laundry owned and managed by his father. On January 11, 1898, he assumed the man-

agement of the business, and at the present time (1905) is serving in the capacity of secretary and assistant treasurer of the same. Mr. Lloyd married, November 27, 1900, Ida Geneva Thomas, youngest daughter of Charles A. and Sophia C. (Pepperman) Thomas, and two children have been the issue of this union: Repine Thomas, born February 22, 1903; and Charles William, born March 3, 1905. Charles A. Thomas, of the firm of Thomas Brothers, merchants, was born February 25, 1848, in Mifflin township, Lycoming county, son of John and Mary Ann Thomas, both natives of Lycoming county. He was reared in his native township, and received his education in the schools of the neighborhood. He learned the harness-maker's trade and followed that business in Salladasburg until 1885. In April, 1886, he and his brother, Sylvester C., formed the present firm of Thomas Brothers. They are also interested in farming and have an interest in the grist mill at Salladasburg and are stockholders in the Susquehanna Trust and Safe Deposit Company. He was married, October 15, 1872, to Sophia C. Pepperman, daughter of Isaac Pepperman, by whom he has two children: Myrtle Grace and Ida Geneva (Mrs. Rex Lloyd). Mr. Thomas and his family are members of Grace Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Lloyd attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which his wife holds membership.

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#### ABRAHAM UPDEGRAFF.

Abraham Updegraff, son of Thomas Updegraff, was born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, June 17, 1808. In September 1799, Thomas Updegraff with his wife and two children moved up the Susquehanna river in two canoes and located at Williamsport, where he established a tannery, and followed that occupation the greater part of his life. Abraham Updegraff was put to work in his father's tannery at the early

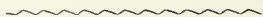


age of eleven years and worked there for sixteen years. Early in 1834 he entered into a business partnership in the mercantile line with Jacob Grafius. In April, 1837, he bought the business interest of his partner and continued in business alone and very successfully for a period of twenty-four years. He was one of the organizers of the West Branch Bank in 1836, was chosen a director and served in that capacity for ten years. In June, 1848, he became president of this bank, and held that office until 1856, when he resigned. He was the main factor in the organization of the First National Bank in December, 1863, and was its first president. He was manager in the first organization of the Williamsport Bridge Company, and held this office until his death. He was one of the two persons who laid out the Williamsport cemetery in 1850, and was a prime mover in establishing Wildwood cemetery, of which he was president at the time of his death. He was for many years prominently identified with the lumber interests of Williamsport, and was also connected with the Williamsport Water Works. For more than twenty years he served as president of the board of trustees of Dickinson Seminary. He was also for about ten years a member of the city council. Mr. Updegraff was very liberal in his contributions to all meritorious objects. He was very successful in business and left family property worth a large amount of money, the result of his upright and straightforward business methods. He had sound judgment and fine executive ability, and his integrity and accommodating manner entitled him to the place he held in the public esteem. He was greatly respected and highly honored, and had many friends. He took great care in preserving the memory of his father, and had a neat little memorial published, and placed therein a portrait of him as a token of his filial affection. Abraham Updegraff and his wife became members of the Second Presbyterian church in 1840, and for a long time he was



superintendent of the Lycoming County Sunday School Association. He died April 17, 1884.

Mr. Updegraff married, February 12, 1835, Elizabeth Peterman, and of this union two daughters are living: Lizzie, the wife of J. M. Black, and Lucy L., the wife of James J. Gibson.



#### FRANKLIN BURROWS THRALL.

The Thrall family, worthily represented in the present generation by Franklin Burrows Thrall, a representative business man of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, was founded in this country by William Thrall (I), a native of England, born 1605, died August 3, 1679. He married ——— Goode. In March, 1630, a Congregational church was formed in Plymouth, England, their minister being the Rev. John Wareham. March 20, 1630, the Revs. Mr. Wareham and Mr. Merrick, with many Godly families and people from Devonshire and other places, including William Thrall and wife, sailed from Plymouth, England, in the "Mary and John" for Massachusetts. May 30, 1630, Lord's Day, they landed at Nantasket Point. (Prince's Chronicles of New England.) In 1635 Mr. Wareham and the larger part of the church members settled in Windsor, Connecticut, William Thrall being one of the number. He lived in Hoytes' Meadow, town of Windsor, and some of his descendants have resided there ever since. William Thrall was one of the thirty men from the town of Windsor who fought in the great battle of the Pequod war, May 26, 1637. William Thrall was the father of two sons: Timothy and David, and other children. Matthew Grant, the ancestor of Ulysses S. Grant, was one of those who came in the ship "Mary and John," and he also settled at Windsor, Connecticut, at the same time as did William Thrall.

(II) Timothy Thrall, son of William Thrall, was born at Windsor, Connecticut, July 26, 1641, died June, 1697. He married, November 10, 1659, Deborah Gunn, who died January 7, 1694. They had nine children: Deborah, Timothy, Mehitable, Elizabeth, John, Martha, Thomas, Samuel and Abigail, twins.

(III) John Thrall, son of Timothy and Deborah (Gunn) Thrall, was born June 5, 1671, died April 18, 1732. He married, January 6, 1697, Mindwell Moses, born December 13, 1676, daughter of John and Mary (Brown) Moses. They had nine children: John, Moses, Aaron, Amy, Joseph, David, Joel, Charles, and Jerusha.

(IV) Moses Thrall, son of John and Mindwell (Moses) Thrall, was born April 20, 1702, died August 24, 1770. He married, February 4, 1730, Elizabeth Fyler, and settled at North Bolton, adjoining Windsor. The town records of Bolton contain the births of the following children: Moses, born August 10, 1735; William, May 19, 1739; James, May 21, 1744; James, September 18, 1746; and Lemuel, February 5, 1748-49.

(V) Lemuel Thrall, son of Moses and Elizabeth (Fyler) Thrall, was born in the town of Bolton, Connecticut, February 5, 1748-49, died at Milford, Pike county, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1831. He served in the revolution as corporal in Lieutenant Ezekiel Wolcott's company from Bolton, Connecticut. They marched for the relief of Boston at the Lexington Alarm, April 19, 1775. He was subsequently a corporal in Captain Wells' company of Hartford, Connecticut, under Colonel Wolcott. The regiment formed part of the army that occupied Boston after the enemy evacuated. About 1813 Mr. Thrall removed from the town of Bolton, Connecticut, to the Delaware Valley, and located near the Delaware river, in Sussex county, New Jersey, where he subsequently taught school. Later he removed to Milford, Pike county, Penn-

sylvania, and there died and was buried. He married (first), April 2, 1771, Lydia King, born March 13, 1750, daughter of Charles King, and they were the parents of one child, Percy, born 1773. Lydia (King) Thrall died in 1773. Mr. Thrall married (second) Lydia Skinner, born 1761, died April 13, 1813, and their children were: Fyler, born August 12, 1785, died March 21, 1797; Amy, born May 21, 1791, died October 4, 1791; Samuel Southmayd, born November 27, 1793; see forward.

Samuel Southmayd Thrall, son of Lemuel and Lydia (Skinner) Thrall, was born November 27, 1793, and died at Milford, Pennsylvania, February 12, 1862. His entire life was spent at Milford; he resided on the bluff, and on the Thrall farm, one mile below the village. He was a very prominent Mason, and his Masonic watchcharm is now in the possession of his grandson, Frank B. Thrall, whose name heads this sketch, who prizes it very highly. The lodge held its meetings in one of the upper chambers of the residence of Samuel S. Thrall. He married, June 11, 1817, Cynthia Newman, daughter of Thomas and Cornelia (Randle) Newman, and granddaughter of Isaac Newman, who was a private in Captain Gideon Seeley's company, Westchester county, New York, and fought in the battle of White Plains, October 28, 1776. Of the children of Samuel S. and Cynthia (Newman) Thrall were:

Lydia Cornelia, born June 25, 1818, married Amos Van Etten, December 15, 1841, and died December 11, 1898, at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Van Etten was one who ennobled all who came in contact with her, and made people who knew her, welcome advancing years, if they would bring a life like hers.

Sally Ann, born August 13, 1820, married the Rev. William Burroughs.

Dorleska Elizabeth, born December 24, 1826, married Egbert Jansen.

John, born October 4, 1828, married S. Maretta Babcock.

Charles Fyler, see forward.

Frances, born September 21, 1837, married Alexander Henderson.

Ralph B., born January 19, 1840, married Emily Bowhanan.

Samuel S., Jr., born February 11, 1841, married Martha C. Biddis.

Charles Fyler Thrall, son of Samuel S. and Cynthia (Newman) Thrall, was born January 23, 1832, in Milford, Pike county, Pennsylvania, died there December 3, 1874, aged forty-two years. He was a merchant in Milford, was successful in the conduct of his business affairs, and was highly regarded by all who knew him. He was a member of the Presbyterian church. He married, February 12, 1854, Caroline E. Warner, who bore him the following children: Elizabeth J., of New Haven City, Connecticut; Egbert Jansen; Curtis W., of Connecticut; Franklin B., mentioned hereinafter; Edith May, deceased; Caroline M., of Oxford, Connecticut; George Beatie, of Corning, New York; Olivia, who died in infancy.

Frank B. Thrall, son of Charles F. and Caroline E. (Warner) Thrall, was born in Milford, Pike county, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1860. He obtained a limited education in the public schools of his native town, completing his studies at the early age of ten years. The following year he began the active duties of life, accepting a position as cash boy in the extensive establishment of Wilcox Hall & Co., New Haven, Connecticut. He spent four years of his life in the mercantile business, dry goods and jewelry, after which he engaged in farming until he was twenty-one years of age. He then came to Pennsylvania and embarked in the mercantile business for Hoyt Brothers, tanners and merchants, at Hillsgrove, Luzerne county, which position he resigned at the expiration of three years. He then formed a partnership with W. L. Huffman, and after purchasing a lot and building a store they engaged

in a general store business for eighteen months. In 1885 he located in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and embarked in the grocery business in the Link block, under the firm name of Skinner & Thrall, and this connection continued for a period of six months. Mr. Thrall then accepted a position as traveling salesman for George Bubb & Son, wholesale grocers, of Williamsport, in which capacity he served until 1895, covering the territory of Lycoming, Sullivan, Tioga, Bradford and Clinton counties. January 1, 1895, Mr. Thrall became the successor of Alexander Beedey & Company, their establishment being located at the corner of Fourth and William streets, Williamsport. He engaged in the wholesale grocery business under the firm name of F. B. Thrall & Company, and in 1900, five years later, they erected an extensive store-room at the corner of Third and Hepburn streets, one of the finest brick blocks in the city, where they conduct a large and profitable business. They carry a full line of groceries, give constant employment to thirteen men and their goods find a ready market in Lycoming, Sullivan, Bradford, Tioga, Clinton, Elk, Centre and Union counties. Mr. Thrall has acquitted himself in such a way as to gain the confidence and esteem of all with whom he is associated, and his business capability is recognized throughout the greater part of the state.

Mr. Thrall is the owner of considerable property in the city of Williamsport, consisting of several houses and lots located on Louisa street, and from these he derives a handsome income. He also purchased the residence of Mr. W. H. C. Huffman, at 225 Grampian Boulevard, Williamsport, one of the finest and most desirable pieces of residential property in Lycoming county. Mr. Thrall is a member of the Pine Street Methodist Episcopal church, in which he holds the office of trustee. He is a strong advocate of temperance, and adheres to the principles of the Republican party, but in local matters casts his vote for the man best



suitd for office, irrespective of party feeling. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies of Williamsport, also of the Shrine of Wilkesbarre.

Mr. Thrall was married October 2, 1884, to Miss Harriet Huffman, born November 14, 1862, at Goldsboro, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, daughter of James H. and Mary Ann (Depew) Huffman, and descendant of an English origin. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Eight children were the issue of this union, namely: Minnie H., born September 17, 1885; Walter J., born November 14, 1887, died July 16, 1889; Jennie M., born October 17, 1889; Charles T., born October 22, 1891, died March 30, 1892; Raymond S., born October 13, 1893; Francis H., born January 4, 1897; Joseph L., born September 29, 1899, died January 3, 1900; Curtis W., born November 8, 1903.

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#### ADAM ROTHFUSS.

Adam Rothfuss, manufacturer of machinery in Williamsport, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, is the son of Michael and Barbara Christina (Bluemle) Rothfuss.

Michael Rothfuss was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, September 19, 1806. He received a practical education and thoroughly learned the trade of weaving, at which he worked until 1832, when he emigrated to America. He settled at Easton, Pennsylvania, and found employment as captain of a canal boat. He held this position for one year. He then went to Farrandsville, Clinton county, Pennsylvania, and found work as a blacksmith, and followed this occupation until he came to Upper Fairfield township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, where he and his brother George each bought and cleared land for a farm and lived there until 1865. He then moved to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he was in the hotel business for some time and then sold out and



retired. He was a member of the Lutheran church and took a great and active interest in church affairs. His political faith was that of a Democrat. Michael Rothfuss married Barbara Christina Bluemle and they had seven children: (1) John, who died in infancy; (2) Mary, wife of John Pepper of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; (3) George, who died July 4, 1863; (4) Catharine, wife of Philip Koch of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; (5) Michael, married, first, Mary Reibley; second, Fannie Kramer, resides in Williamsport, Pennsylvania; (6) Adam, the subject of this sketch; and (7) Jacob, who died in infancy. Michael Rothfuss died September 11, 1889, and his wife died November 13, 1889.

Adam Rothfuss, son of Michael and Barbara Christina (Bluemle) Rothfuss, was born in Upper Fairfield township, Lycoming county, Pennsylvania, September 24, 1852. He was educated in the public schools of Upper Fairfield township, and also attended a private school. When he was fourteen years of age his parents moved to Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and he was apprenticed to a machinist. He learned the trade with Potter and Wonderly, the old Empire shops. He worked there until the plant was burned down in 1868, and then put the machinery in the old Glue Works, where he was engineer for a period of three years. He then commenced business for himself, opening a machine shop for general work on Market street, and this he carried on very successfully for about two years, when he was burned out. He then accepted a position as foreman with the Tidewater Pipe Line Company, laying the piping from Williamsport to Salladasburg. He remained with this firm for one season and then helped put up the Solar Refining Company's oil plant in Williamsport and took charge of this for one year. He resigned this position and accepted one as foreman of the Rowley and Hermance Machine Shops, having charge there from 1880 until 1885, when he resigned this position in order to accept one

with the Valley Iron Works as a journeyman and later was given charge of the shops, a position which he held for thirteen years, when he left to go to Larzalere Company's shop as foreman, but he continued this position for only six months, when he again started in business for himself, this time in partnership with a Mr. Michael, and they leased the old Younkin, Evans and Stambach Shops on Vine street and carried on the machinery business there for three years. At the end of this time the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Rothfuss, in 1901, leased the Jerome-Moltz Foundry on East Third street, where he is still engaged in business. He has been very successful in the manufacture of a general line of sawmill machinery, consisting of edgers, trimmers, log turners, etc., and in general repair work, such as repairing and rebuilding locomotives, repairing for the trolley companies, etc. Mr. Rothfuss is a firm Democrat and has held office as township auditor. He is a member of the Saint Luke's Lutheran church of Williamsport, has been an elder in this church and is a teacher in the Sunday school. In 1900 he became a member of Ivy Lodge, No. 397, Free and Accepted Masons, and is also a member of the Consistory, Valley of Williamsport. For thirty-four years Mr. Rothfuss lived in Loyalsock township, close to Williamsport, where he owned his residence and a number of lots. He sold his residence and moved to 719 Franklin street in this city, where he still resides, but retained possession of his lots in Loyalsock township.

Mr. Rothfuss married, in 1872, Miss Louisa S. Foucar, born in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, 1852, daughter of John E. and Elizabeth Foucar. John E. Foucar was born in Germany in 1800. His father was a native of France and at the time of some uprising there was obliged to flee to Germany. John E. Foucar came to America in 1849 and at first turned his attention to the occupation of teaching French. Later he engaged in the hotel business. He died in 1873. His wife, Eliza-

beth, was born in the vicinity of the Rhine in Germany in 1830, and came to America in 1849. She was married to John Foucar June 20, 1850, and they were the parents of four children: Louisa Sophia, wife of Adam Rothfuss; (2) Charles A., living in New York City; (3) John Edward, living in Williamsport; and (4) Rose E., who died at the age of twenty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Rothfuss have been blessed with nine children: (1) Elizabeth, born October 11, 1873, married George Gingrich of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and they have three children: Charles Emery; Adam Winfield; and Edward. (2) John E., born December 21, 1874, married Laura Blenly. They have two daughters: Louisa and Beulah. John E. is employed in his father's machine shops. (3) George Adam, born May 4, 1876, is at home with his parents. (4) Louisa S., born January 30, 1878, married Frank Reninger and has one daughter: Florence L. (5) Barbara Mae, born May 1, 1880. (6) Carl Winfield Scott, born September 26, 1882. (7) Mary E., born September 21, 1887. (8) Ida Caroline, born October 19, 1889. And (9) Emilie, born April 10, 1897.

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#### HOWARD LYON.

Howard Lyon, residing at Picture Rocks, prominently identified with commercial and financial interests in Lycoming county, and who has served the community at large in various important public positions, is a native of the city of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, where he was born July 17, 1855.

He is descended from an English ancestry, his paternal grandfather, Edward G. Lyon, being a native of England, who located in Lycoming county, where he followed farming. He married Sarah Huckell, and to them were born six children, all sons—Edward, Thomas, William J., Henry, Alfred, and Charles.

William J. Lyon, third of the sons above named, was born near Pennsdale, Lycoming county, where he died in 1861, comparatively a young man. He married Catherine Green, a native of New Jersey, who is yet living. After his marriage Mr. Lyon settled in Williamsport, where his family of fourteen children were reared, five of whom are now living: Sarah, who is the wife of D. W. Osler; Walter, who resides in Williamsport; Edward, to be further referred to hereinafter; Charles, who resides in Reading, Pennsylvania; Annie, who is the wife of George Garmon.

Howard Lyon, son of William J. and Catherine (Green) Lyon, was reared in Williamsport, where he obtained his education, which was completed by a high school course. He set out upon a self-supporting career at the early age of fifteen years, in the employ of his uncle, Edward Lyon, who conducted a large business in Hughesville as a merchant, miller, lumber dealer and distiller. This relation between the uncle and nephew subsisted until 1886, when occurred the death of Mr. Edward Lyon. Immediately afterward Howard Lyon purchasing the uncle's interest, the Lyon Lumber Company was formed, which yet conducts business under that name, Howard Lyon, however, being the sole owner. This enterprise he has extended to large proportions, having acquired large tracts of lumber land in Sullivan county, the product of which he ships into Lycoming county for manufacture into merchantable lumber. The general offices of the company are in Hughesville.

Mr. Lyon is also actively interested in agriculture, conducting through tenants a fine farm tract, and participating in the work of the Muncy Valley Farmers' Club, of which he has been president for two years past. His genuinely philanthropic disposition finds attestation in the fact that for three years he has rendered efficient service as president of the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania State Hospital for the In-

sane, at Danville. He has always been deeply interested in educational affairs, and for several years has served as a member of the local school board. He is affiliated with the Royal Arcanum and the Knights of Malta. With his family he is a member of the Presbyterian church. A staunch supporter of Republican principles and policies, he has always been active in political affairs, and has served as chairman of the Republican county executive committee. He is held in universal esteem for those excellent personal qualities which mark the useful public-spirited citizen and considerate neighbor.

In 1881 Mr. Lyon married Miss Mary Robb, of Muncy, a daughter of Robert Robb. She died, having borne to her husband a daughter, Caroline, who became the wife of J. Raymond Boak, of Hughesville. Mr. Lyon subsequently married Miss Annie H. Carter, of South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John Carter, formerly a resident of Williamsport. Of this last marriage was born a son, J. Howard Lyon, Jr.













